

Park, C. Marie



Kim lung kiang,
Yunnan, China
Oct 17th 1938

Dear Dr. Speer:-

Yes, your gift to us of your latest book came through nicely. It is over at Thomases. My, oh, but they read a lot. I am so slow at reading as my mind does not go to books. Let me at the sewing machine or give my sewing to do and I hate to give it up but I can come to so many stopping places in a book so in telling the new people read it first.

In case the others forget to say yeen dee or thank you, I'll say it for them.

We are so glad to have these new helpers. The place is not near ready to turn over to the nationals as they can see. They have had a months vacation from studies. They got tired of every thing so I suggested a trip to the mountains. A funny time to go but we went and just this last week we came back. Of course, was glad of the change.

This coming week we are going to be busy with harvest festivals at this church and at the leper village. Tomorrow all five of us are going to the Lord of the Earths and will spend a night there. Thomas is expect to have the Chinese magistrates in for dinner. Fin evening them from there we will go see a play the school will put on.

I suppose one might? call it a theater party. Sounds good.

So glad to hear that the Hollis church L.D. with Rev J.M. Currie as pastor have adopted me ^{in part} 500. The session wrote me by today's mail. I sent in about 10 names of societies and people whom I thought might pay some more. One likes to belong some place.

We got word last week that our Capitol Yunnanfu or Kunming as it is often called was bombed by the Japs and 50 persons were killed. A letter today said many had moved from the city. Word came here that Siam had had a battle with French Indo China but letters from Siam say nothing about it. Japan wants the F.C. railroad that runs up to Yunnanfu. I have traveled up and down on it six times. Of course Japan does not want war materials to come in on that line.

Did you know my daughter
Wilma is in the Pres. Hosp. in N.Y.
training for a nurse. She is the
happiest person in that work. She
loves people.

John started his college course
in Wooster this year. He has
been in Wooster since 1935 when
I went home for six months.
I won't get back until 1940.

When Dr. Seber was in Siam
I took a trip over to Pea. It is
nicer than it used to be. Mr.
Callender is on his last month
before retiring. I know he would
rather die in Siam than U.S.A.
Wonder if he will be allowed to
stay until the Knox family
come back. He is all by himself
in Pea but I'll bet he is happy.

Thanking you again in
the name of the K.L.N. station.

Very truly
O. Mair Park

EARLY CHRISTIAN CHRONOLOGY

with special reference to the New Testament Canon

The great loss of the Bible is the loss of the New Testament Canon. The history of the Canon is the history of the struggle to preserve the truth of the Gospel in the face of the attacks of heresy and of the passage of time.

Earliest Written Authorities for the Christian Church

1. Sayings of Jesus

Oral tradition of the sayings of Jesus was the first written authority for the Christian Church. The Logia, or sayings of Jesus, were collected in the Logia, or sayings of Jesus, which were written in Greek by the apostle Matthew about 80 AD. The Logia were the first written authority for the Christian Church.

2. Apostolic Letters

Some of the Epistles of Paul, especially those intended for public reading, were treasured and preserved by the Churches. At Ephesus, the Epistles of Paul were read publicly. The Epistles of Paul were the first written authority for the Christian Church.

3. Prophecy

The Prophecy of Isaiah, which was written in the 8th century BC, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. The Prophecy of Isaiah was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

4. Various Greek Authors

Various Greek authors, such as the Stoic philosopher Seneca, the Epicurean philosopher Epicurus, and the Cynic philosopher Diogenes, were the first written authority for the Christian Church.

5. Church Orders

The Church Orders, which were written in the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD, were the first written authority for the Christian Church. The Church Orders were the first written authority for the Christian Church.

6. St. Clement of Rome

St. Clement of Rome, a hearer of Paul, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. St. Clement of Rome was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

7. St. Barnabas of Cyprus

St. Barnabas of Cyprus, a companion of St. Paul, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. St. Barnabas of Cyprus was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

8. St. Ignatius of Antioch in Syria

St. Ignatius of Antioch in Syria, a bishop of Antioch, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. St. Ignatius of Antioch in Syria was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

9. Papias of Hierapolis in Phrygia

Papias of Hierapolis in Phrygia, a bishop of Hierapolis, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. Papias of Hierapolis in Phrygia was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

10. St. Polycarp of Smyrna

St. Polycarp of Smyrna, a personal disciple of John, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. St. Polycarp of Smyrna was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

11. Hermas of Rome

Hermas of Rome, the Shepherd of Hermas, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. Hermas of Rome was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

12. St. Justin Martyr of Rome

St. Justin Martyr of Rome, a philosopher and martyr, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. St. Justin Martyr of Rome was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

13. St. Irenaeus of Lyons in Gaul

St. Irenaeus of Lyons in Gaul, a hearer of Polycarp, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. St. Irenaeus of Lyons in Gaul was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

14. Melito, Bishop of Sardis

Melito, Bishop of Sardis, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. Melito, Bishop of Sardis was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

15. Dionysius of Corinth

Dionysius of Corinth, a bishop of Corinth, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. Dionysius of Corinth was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

16. Canon of Antiochian Christian Scripture

The Canon of Antiochian Christian Scripture, which was written in the 4th century AD, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. The Canon of Antiochian Christian Scripture was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

17. Muratorian Fragment

The Muratorian Fragment, which was written in the 2nd century AD, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. The Muratorian Fragment was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

18. St. Clement of Alexandria

St. Clement of Alexandria, a philosopher and martyr, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. St. Clement of Alexandria was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

19. Tertullian of Carthage

Tertullian of Carthage, a philosopher and martyr, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. Tertullian of Carthage was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

20. Origen of Alexandria

Origen of Alexandria, a philosopher and martyr, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. Origen of Alexandria was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

21. St. Cyprian of Carthage

St. Cyprian of Carthage, a bishop of Carthage, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. St. Cyprian of Carthage was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

22. Church of Rome

The Church of Rome, which was the first written authority for the Christian Church, was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

23. Victorin of Pithau

Victorin of Pithau, a bishop of Pithau, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. Victorin of Pithau was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

24. Arnobius of Sicca

Arnobius of Sicca, a philosopher and martyr, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. Arnobius of Sicca was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

25. Lactantius of Nicomedia

Lactantius of Nicomedia, a philosopher and martyr, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. Lactantius of Nicomedia was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

26. Period of the Variable Canon

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27. Eusebius of Caesarea

Eusebius of Caesarea, a bishop of Caesarea, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. Eusebius of Caesarea was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

28. Athanasius of Alexandria

Athanasius of Alexandria, a bishop of Alexandria, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. Athanasius of Alexandria was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

29. St. Ambrose of Milan

St. Ambrose of Milan, a bishop of Milan, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. St. Ambrose of Milan was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

30. Cyril of Jerusalem

Cyril of Jerusalem, a bishop of Jerusalem, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. Cyril of Jerusalem was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

31. Gregory of Nazianzus

Gregory of Nazianzus, a bishop of Nazianzus, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. Gregory of Nazianzus was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

32. Chrysostom of Constantinople

Chrysostom of Constantinople, a bishop of Constantinople, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. Chrysostom of Constantinople was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

33. St. Jerome (Hieronymus)

St. Jerome (Hieronymus), a bishop of Stridon, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. St. Jerome (Hieronymus) was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

34. St. Augustine

St. Augustine, a bishop of Hippo, was the first written authority for the Christian Church. St. Augustine was the first written authority for the Christian Church.

The New Testament

An unassigned and unproven product of the apostolic age. It aided greatly in protecting the Christian Society from dissolution by appeal to a recognized collection of apostolic writings. The New Testament was written in Greek and is the most important part of the Christian Canon. It is the most important part of the Christian Canon.

I Thessalonians 50 to 53 AD

Galatians 53

Corinthians 56

Romans 56

Philippians 56

Ephesians (Apostle) 61

Colossians 63

Philemon 64

Mark 64 to 66-70

Luke 67 to 70

Acts 67 to 70

Timothy 68

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Jesus Christ

6 BC - 29 AD (approx. 30 AD) (approx. 30 AD)

Upon this rock will I build my Church

30 AD The Day of Pentecost

30 AD Peter, Bishop of Rome

36 AD Jesus appears to Saul

50-65 Epistles to particular Churches

63 Circular Letters

Distin. Colossians of Paul

St. John

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Daniel Perrin "The Huguenot"

Elizabethtown, New Jersey August, 1965



FRED AGENS PERINE

Good Morning

By Malcolm W. Bingay

ART BOWED DOWN

Coller's Weekly says Sally Rand has made a million dollars out of her fan dancing. A lot of money for a little girl to make by showing she has nothing on her hip. Only ordinary talents in the artistic sense. In the commercial technique, the art of selling herself to her audiences, she is P. T. Barnum's only woman rival.

Oswald is slow in gathering the "figures" on the matter so we cannot speak with mathematical exactness, but the Old Architect would say off form that there are one hundred thousand women in America with just as good shapes as Sally and at least 48,937 who are better dancers. She's not an oomph girl as the Hollywood producers found out—but how she can advertise herself!

But Sally has brains. That's the point. Sally has brains and knows how to use them better than she does her fans. Here she was in Chicago, a chorus girl without a job, and the great Century of Progress Fair underway with the turnstiles clicking like a dollar watch that has been at the bottom of the pond all winter. What to do? Sally knew.

Sally took off her clothes and went to work doing about the same act that is called a strip-tease in every burlesque house. But she was smart enough to get herself pinched—that is to say, arrested. And her press agent got the clergy to denounce her. And then she got arrested again—and again, until she ranked in the eyes of the fat-headed public with Jezebel, Delilah, Thais, Sappho, Cleopatra, Josephine, Lady Hamilton, Ninon de L'Enclos and all 78 of the original Floradora Sextet, to say nothing of Heate, Circe and Lilith—all this and heaven too, because she forever remained a most virtuous girl, off the stage, pure of heart and good to her mother and all that sort of thing.

The turnstiles began to click furiously and the great Century of Progress was saved.

Chicago knows all about such things. Didn't Little Egypt save the Columbia Exposition for that city of culture in 1893? Ask Dad; he knows. At the New York Century of Progress (pardon, World of Tomorrow) they have a lot of nude girl acts but Sally isn't there. They don't know how to get themselves properly arrested and prosecuted and denounced by the good people. Lack the Rand finesse. So Art is long and the dime is fleeting and the police court is not its goal.

Sally has her first million and the wicked people of San Francisco pack the night club out there to watch her golden gait or gate. And at the Fair itself the very magic of her name draws the suckers from all over the world to see a lot of eighth-dressed women that you can see for nothing on any bathing beach.

No, the world is not going to the bow-wows because of this exhibition of sappiness—on the part of the public. It's always been that way. It's largely due to insatiable curiosity. Not always about sex either. Freaks and monsters and everything contrary to the normal outlook on life. That is why Benjamin Robert Haydon, greatest of British historical painters, killed himself. Tom Thumb, P. T. Barnum's American midget, was to blame.

Rufus Dawes in his Century of Progress was saved by Sally Rand and Grover Whalen in New York with his World of Tomorrow is out on a limb because no dame or freak is luring in the cash customers. Poor Haydon shot himself because Tom Thumb stole his show.

Haydon dreamed of a time when all the public buildings of Britain would be adorned with historical presentations of its glory. But this apostle of culture became its martyr. His great paintings, "Entry into Jerusalem," "Lazarus," and "Solomon" to say nothing of his English epics had brought him world fame. Then came P. T. Barnum with a very ordinary midget ballyhooed into a world figure. That was in 1846.

Haydon was ahead of his time in his desire to glorify history on public buildings. Now it's an everyday WPA job here. But he can be said to be the father of the schools of design in Great Britain. His pictures were too big for private homes and he was in constant hot water with the Royal Academy. So, to eke out an existence he began exhibiting his great paintings in a rented hall—charging an admission fee.

He had just finished one of his best studies, "The Banishment of Aristides," all about the fellow who was so good and so just the Athenians got tired of him—like we get tired of Harold Ickes. He rented a room in the Egyptian Hall and sent out invitations to a long list of distinguished guests. Then along came P. T. Barnum, who snagged an audience for his midget with Queen Victoria who liked midgets apparently more than she did art. Barnum also rented rooms in the same building.

Haydon wrote in his diary: "They rush by the thousands to see Tom Thumb. They push, they fight, they scream, they faint. They see my bills but do not read. Their eyes on them but their sense is gone. It is an insanity, a rabies furor . . ."

In the first week 12,000 people paid to see Tom Thumb and only 133 saw his art. He closed his exhibit heavier in debt than ever. A few days later he was found shot through the heart in his studio. He had killed himself before his painting "Alfred the Great and First British Jury."

He left a note saying: "Stretch me no longer on the rough world." Tom Thumb was too much.

No, the pages of all history, the Century of Progress, the World of Tomorrow—all are a mockery to the P. T. Barnums and the Sally Rands of the world today.

Westminster Church

(PRESBYTERIAN)

Hamilton Ave. at Glyn Court

Detroit, Mich.

Morning Worship—Eleven O'clock

July 2—DR. JOHN K. BIBBY

Executive Secretary Synod of Michigan, Detroit

July 9—DR. HOWARD A. BLANNING

First Congregational Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.

A nephew of one of our Elders, and was for 3 yrs. Dr. Gair's Glean Atkint assistant here

July 16—DR. JAY C. PELGRIM

Coral Gables, Florida

Mrs Pelgrim lived across the road from Mrs. Bush when they were school girls in Holland

July 23—DR. RALPH C. McAFEE

Church of the Covenant, Erie, Pa.

Mrs Mc Afee has been (with Mrs. Bush before her death) one of my wife's dearest friends.

July 30—REV. THEODORE R. McDONALD

First Presbyterian Church, Dawson, Minn.

A Westminister boy.

Aug. 6—DR. ANDREW K. RULE

The Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Truly "a good man to sit on a log with."

Aug. 13—DR. ANDREW K. RULE

Aug. 20—DR. JOHN K. BIBBY

Aug. 27—REV. ROBT. M. FREHSE

Sept 6 Hans Richter.
Hans is the late-in-life son of Dr. Julius Richter of Berlin Germany. We will entertain him unless Mrs. Perine, with Ross and myself have to dash to dash down to Centrage, Mo. for labor day.

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ORDER OF SERVICES

Prelude

Hymn

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Psalter

Gloria Patri

Scripture Lesson

Hymn

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Doxology

Music

Sermon

Hymn

Benediction

Postlude

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My wife's mother was an ecumenist of the former Moderator, Dexter Fullerton but I never met him. Our family was Methodist as well as Presbyterian; myself Albion Coll. BS 98 and Harvard - Bac. pl. ex. execution 04, Supt of Pub. Univ. of Chi Press, editor of two 4x catalogues and of D.F. Terry & Co's Seed publications for near 4 years. I started on the Church Choir when the 14th Ave. Brit. appeared

*** We would urge those who cannot be seated by eleven o'clock to permit the ushers to show them to seats at appointed times during our worship. The stars indicate the pauses.

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FRED A. PERINE
1435 EDISON AVE.
DETROIT

Aug 22, 1939.

Dear Dr Spear:

Acknowledging with belated, and yet most sincere thanks your card of the 2nd regarding my Early Church Chart, may I say that your former colleague, Dr. Bloland B. McAffee writing from Jaffrey on the 7th, was also so good as to tell me of your digging in the old records of the first Christian century lately and being enamored of them.

This would me to me an appreciation and perspective of that period on your part, ^{second to none} a world point of view as related to the younger churches in the new lands for Christianity, like China, where they should realize as Dr. McAffee said in his letter, that Church history belongs to them, even if they became believers only just now; and that Augustine is in the Church history of the Church in China as truly as in that of the American Church.

It so happens that I now have a photostat 14 x 17 of the upper half of the Chart, that is, down to Celsus and the Muratorian Fragment, which is much less difficult to read than the 11 x 14 reduction of the whole Chart; and with all your knowledge of the first 200 years so fresh in mind, I would be so glad if you would let me send this 14 x 17 half to you for some little perusal and comment.

We had Dr. Andrew K. Rule with us at our home for three days the second time we entertained him this month. He believes, for example, that the Peter could not have been written by any other than Peter himself. So I have added 68 AD as the earlier date. Dr. Rule also notices two or

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September 25, 1939

To the Stockholders,
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Dear Friends:

For some time it has been increasingly difficult to maintain the subscription list of THE REVIEW or secure funds for its continued publication. This is due to the general financial depression, the change in the missionary situation and other reasons. The Board of Directors and the Editor have made every effort to overcome these difficulties and have sought to publish THE REVIEW at a minimum cost. Nevertheless our assets have decreased until they have practically disappeared. Friends who for many years have contributed to the Maintenance Fund have either died or are no longer financially able to support the magazine. The Board of Directors have therefore voted to discontinue the publication under the auspices of this Company and to call a meeting of the stockholders to ratify this decision and to dissolve the corporation. We wish also to ask the stockholders' consent to the transfer of the rights of publication, including the name, goodwill and subscription list to the Evangelical Press, Harrisburg, Pa., which has, for some years, been responsible for the manufacture and distribution of the magazine.

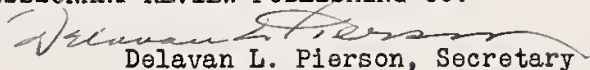
We wish to thank you for your loyal support in the past years. The REVIEW has had a long and honorable history and it is with great regret that we have reached the conclusion that it is necessary to take this step in the interest of stockholders and the future of THE REVIEW. We have not wished to reach a point where THE REVIEW could not meet its obligations and where it might be necessary to assess the stockholders to meet a deficit. Unfortunately many religious and secular magazines have been confronted with similar difficulties and have been obliged to cease publication or to combine with other magazines.

We, therefore, enclose a formal notice of the special meeting of stockholders called for October 9th, 1939, at 2 o'clock in the office of THE REVIEW, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York. We hope you can be present; if this is not possible will you kindly sign the enclosed proxy and return it at your early convenience. This is very important as a two thirds vote of the present stockholders is required to transact this business.

Yours faithfully,

The Board of Directors - MISSIONARY REVIEW PUBLISHING CO.

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September 25, 1939

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF MISSIONARY REVIEW PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Missionary Review Publishing Company, Inc. will be held at the office of the corporation, room 1018, at No. 156 Fifth Avenue, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, on Monday, October 9, 1939, at 2 o'clock p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To consider, and if deemed advisable, to approve the action of the directors of the corporation at a meeting of the board of directors held on September 16, 1939, in resolving to turn over to the Evangelical Press, of Harrisburg, Pa. the name, good-will and subscription list of the Missionary Review Publishing Company, Inc. in consideration of said Evangelical Press assuming all obligations of Missionary Review Publishing Company, Inc. to subscribers to the Missionary Review of the World from and after December 15, 1939.

2. To vote on a proposition to dissolve the corporation Missionary Review Publishing Company, Inc. as of December 15, 1939, and wind up its affairs.

3. To transact such other business as may lawfully come before said meeting.

Yours truly,

Delavan L. Pierson
Secretary.

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October 2, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Rob:

I am calling a meeting of the Board of Directors for luncheon at the Parkside at 12:30 October 9th. We will plan to have everything in good shape so that we will know just where we stand and what action we should take at the meeting of the stockholders. You will notice that in the "call" for this special meeting of stockholders (called Directors in the notice but stockholders in the accompanying letter and proxy) we said that the purpose of the meeting was to "vote on a proposition to dissolve the corporation of The Missionary Review Publishing Company and wind up its affairs."

We will make arrangements to pay over to you the money that is in the Bowen Account. I do not think that there will be any charge for expenses of advertising and handling this account but will take it up with the Evangelical Press to see if this is agreeable. Our own expenses for postage is very small and we can let that go. There is now about \$155.00 credited to the Bowen account on the books of THE REVIEW. There are a few accounts outstanding.

Very affectionately yours,

I am glad you had a joyful picnic.

Delavan

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Enclosed are copies of your editorial. Thank you.

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October 13, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Rob:

Enclosed are the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors October 9th and of the special stockholders' meeting that followed. If there should be any corrections to these minutes, please let me know.

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your friendly and helpful cooperation during all these years. You will understand how difficult it is for me to consider giving up THE REVIEW when I believe that it and its message are so greatly needed. I doubt if all of us realize what a place THE REVIEW has in the world-wide mission enterprise. Missionaries, pastors and leaders in missionary societies of the home church count on the magazine with its information and inspiration to help them in their work. It also goes to about 1000 Libraries where many others beside subscribers read it regularly according to reports. From what I hear directly from some individuals the news that THE REVIEW is to discontinue comes as a great shock. However, the action we took seemed to be the only one on which we could agree. I am trying to take up the matter with Revell but Barbour, who probably has most responsibility, is away for two weeks; the WORLD DOMINION is planning to give up their New York office. They are also expecting to make the WORLD DOMINION a bi-monthly, dealing with both home and foreign missions, American as well as British.

There will be many details to care for in closing our existence and giving up our New York office. I suppose that we should dispose of our furniture and fixtures for whatever we can get for them. I am also anxious to secure the best position possible for Miss Beckmann who has been so faithful and efficient. If you have any suggestions along these lines, please let me know.

Again let me express my deep appreciation for

your own contribution to the success of THE REVIEW which has been larger than most people realize. Thank you also for the vote in regard to the continuance of my salary and Miss Beckmann's into next year so far as funds permit.

Yours very ~~cordially~~

Appreciably
Dr. [unclear]

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REPORT OF TREASURER, SEPTEMBER 30 1939
MISSIONARY REVIEW PUBLISHING CO INC

Current Account

RECEIPTS

Cash in Current Account - - - - -	\$000.00
Used from Capital Stock Account - - - - -	81.89
General:-	
Book Sales - Dr Speer - - - - -	\$ 6.99
" " HRM - - - - -	\$2.00
Less cost - - - - -	1.94
Council of Women for Home Missions - - - - -	31.25
Evangelical Press - 2 months - - - - -	200.00
Maintenance - BFMPUSA - net - - - - -	5.00
Subscriptions - BFMPUSA - - - - -	101.25
Evangelical Press - - - - -	101.25
	243.30
	\$325.19

PAYMENTS

General:-	
Rent - - - - -	-\$20.00
Less N G E S - - - - -	5.00
Telephone - - - - -	8.32
Less Moslem World - 2 months - - - - -	6.25
Personal , - - - - -	.20
	6.45
	1.87
	16.87
Editorial:-	
Salaries - - - - -	250.00
Associate Editors - 2 months - - - - -	54.00
Book Sales acct Dr Speer - - - - -	4.32
	308.32
	\$325.19

Capital Stock Account

Investments on hand at cost - - - - -	157.50
Cash on hand - - - - -	2118.68
Less used for current account - - - - -	81.89
	2 036.79
	\$2 194.26

Operating Income

	<u>Sept '39</u>	<u>9 mos '39</u>	<u>Sept '38</u>	<u>9 mos '38</u>
Operating Income - - - - -	38.30	421.85	40.00	510.24
Evangelical Press - - - - -	200.00	1 000.00	-	900.00
Maintenance - - - - -	5.00	780.70	2.50	843.00
Interest on investments	-	-	-	190.00
	243.30	2 202.55	42.50	2 443.24
Operating Expenses	325.19	3 285.78	341.47	3 460.74
Deficit	81.89	1 083.23	298.97	1 017.60

Summary of Assets & Liabilities

	<u>1939</u>	<u>1938</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash in current account - - - - -	000.00	000.00
Cash & investments in capital stock account - - - - -	2 194.26	6 441.16
Interest due on Investments - - - - -	-	70. 00
<u>Liabilities</u>		
De Speer's Book	158.10	42.16

Summary of Bank Balances

Cash in bank - - - - -	\$1 938.82
" " office - - - - -	100.00
" " capital stock account - - - - -	\$1 878.69
" " Dr Speer's acc unt - - - - -	158.10

Investments on hand

Missionary Review

Assets and Liabilities

October 1 to December 31, 1939

Oct. 1 Assets

	(Cash in office	100.00	
Capital Stock	(" bank	1938.82	
	(Securities	80.00	
	Furniture and Fix.	<u>25.00</u>	2143.62

Estimated Income to Jan. 1.

Council of Women	83.75	
Evangelical Press	200.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>10.00</u>	<u>303.75</u>

2447.57

Liabilities October 1

R. E. Spear	158.10	
Miss Beckmann	<u>50.00</u>	208.10

Estimated Expenses to Jan. 1.

Rent	45.00	
Telephone	20.00	
Salaries	900.00	
Associate Editors	65.00	
Postage	55.00	
Misc. (Audit, moving etc.)	100.00	
Legal (?)	<u>100.00</u>	<u>1285.00</u>
		<u>1493.10</u>

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October 18, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Rob:

Thank you for your letter received yesterday. I will see that the suggested changes are made in the minutes. The chief reason why I resigned as Editor of THE REVIEW was because it seemd to me that something must be done and I was in hopes that a new editor, with new vigor and contacts, could take hold of THE REVIEW and carry it on. I am not convinced that we have reached the end of our financial resources but think that there needs to be a new group of friends enlisted and a vigorous effort made to convince them of the value of THE REVIEW to the cause of Christ. The Evangelical Press is very much disturbed at the thought of discontinuing publication. I have not yet been able to see Barbour of Revell's as he has not returned from his vacation and is on the road. Mrs. Peabody is strongly convinced that THE REVIEW ought to go on and has suggested that I try to contact Mr. LeTourneau who is becoming interested in evangelical missionary work.

I do not think that I will need much of the furniture and fixtures now in THE REVIEW office as I will have no place to put them. Warnshuis is in contact with Fant about the subscription list but I very much doubt that the REVIEW readers, who are not now subscribers to THE INTERNATIONAL REVIEW, will wish to have that magazine substituted. It is too technical for them. I have written a letter which I plan to send out to all our stockholders as soon as the thirty days of grace expire.

I read your life of John Eagan and was very

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Impressed with the man's character and achievements.
How can I secure copies of this to give away, especially
to some of my business friends? I will, of course, be
very glad to pay for them.

Affectionately yours,

Delavan

*I suppose if I should see
some way clear to do so, the
Board would be willing to
turn the Review over to me, personally,
to continue as seems best
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October 20, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Rob:

Thank you for your good letter of October 19th. Of course if I see any way clear where it would be possible and advisable for me to take the responsibility for the continuance of THE REVIEW, I would need to make this decision before the expiration of the thirty days indicated at our stockholders meeting. I have no desire to have the life of THE REVIEW prolonged unless it can continue to give a vital message and will be a power in promoting the cause of Christ throughout the world. I would not want to have it become either the organ of some independent mission or fall into the hands of some individual or group that would disregard the clear teachings of the Bible and might even seem to doubt the necessity of accepting Christ as the final way of salvation. I am trying to get clear in my own mind exactly what is a sufficiently clear reason for the continued existence of THE REVIEW and how it may be made more effective and reach a larger number, especially of the younger generation.

Thank you for your prayer topics and for the suggestion about copies of the Eagan life.

Affectionately yours,

Delavan

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P.S. We are enclosing the Certificate of Dissolution for your signature.

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"The Missionary Review of the World"

Minute adopted by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions December 18, 1939.

The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions has learned with sincere regret that "The Missionary Review of the World" is now bringing to a close its eminent and world-wide service of more than sixty years. The Review was founded in 1873 by the Rev. Royal G. Wilder when he retired from a Presbyterian Mission in India; assisting him were his son, Robert, and John H. Forman. When Mr. Royal Wilder died in 1887, the Review was taken over by Dr. Arthur E. Pierson and Dr. James M. Sherwood and was considerably enlarged. Since 1891 Mr. Delavan L. Pierson has been associated with the Review, having been sole editor since his father's death in 1911. The final issue is that of December 1939.

Throughout these sixty years many members, officers and missionaries of the Board have cooperated as writers, editors and directors and Presbyterian friends have contributed to its financial maintenance. The Board's membership, its staff at home and abroad and its supporting constituency have benefitted largely by the constant stimulus and guidance which the Review has earnestly and expertly given in the affairs of the world Christian movement of many evangelical denominations and groups. For a number of years the Board has sent the Review regularly to all of its Mission Stations.

The Presbyterian Board expresses its deep gratitude for this esteemed and formative service by the Review to its editor, Delavan L. Pierson, Esq. and to its Directors through their Chairman, Dr. Robert E. Speer. The Board understands that the quarterly International Review of Missions, which is sent all Stations of the Board, is to carry forward much of the service heretofore rendered monthly by the Missionary Review of the World.

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November 3, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Rob:

In the first place have you any suggestion about the next "Quiet Day" for our group? We might plan it for the week between Christmas and New Years if that will be possible for you. I am writing to John Mott also to know his dates. If you can give me a number of dates that would be possible, I will try to make the arrangement. George Irving is especially eager to know and says that some time near Christmas would be best for him. After Christmas would be much better for me.

I have been strongly tempted to take the full responsibility for THE REVIEW and to keep on publishing it at least for another year, but thus far I have had no clear leading that makes this seem the right thing to do. I am perfectly willing to make any sacrifice that I can that is going to be of real service to the cause of Christ, but there are so many reasons against carry this full responsibility that I have finally reluctantly given it up. The judgment of the Board and other friends, the lack of financial support and effective cooperation, and my own limitations are the chief reasons for this decision. I am therefore sending out a letter to stockholders on Monday ^{the 9th} and will probably write to others a little later. I have also writting a closing editorial which is to follow yours in the December REVIEW.

To my mind the financial problem is the least difficult of the problems to solve. The importance of THE REVIEW to the missionary cause is the first consideration in determining what God's will is in the matter. The second is, the editorship and the cooperation of others to make the magazine as effective as possible. The third is the financial support.

I am taking up with Dr. Warnshuis the matter

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of supplying the INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF MISSIONS to those who wish it to fill their subscriptions. I seriously question whether any will elect to do this. Many are already subscribing to THE I.M.R. Possibly some libraries and missionaries on the field might welcome the quarterly. We are trying to arrnage with some other magazine, like THE EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN, to fill these unexpired subscriptions if the subscribers so elect. In any case, the matter involves a great deal of work.

Affectionately yours,

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My dear Rob:

Probably few of us realize what a blow it will be to many readers of THE REVIEW to learn that the magazine is not to be published after the December issue of this year. Many devoted friends and readers all over the world have come to look to THE REVIEW for much of missionary information and inspiration. We would not deprive them of this help if we could see any way to continue publication effectively.

We had hoped that another satisfactory publisher and editor could be found to take over the magazine but these hopes have not been realized. It is not satisfactory to combine with another magazine of different character and ideals and we have found none that seemed to the Directors to meet the requirements.

At a special meeting of stockholders, called for October 9th, it was therefore voted to discontinue publication with the December issue and to dissolve the corporation. While the REVIEW is solvent, the funds are exhausted; we are thankful, however, that there are no outstanding debts which cannot be met. This is due to the fact that for some years we have kept expenses at a minimum and generous friends have contributed to maintain THE REVIEW as a means of promoting Christian missions.

Your stock, which you and others kindly purchased in order to establish the magazine under the interdenominational Board of Directors, has now no cash value since there will be no assets to distribute. You will, however, be thankful for the world-wide service THE REVIEW has rendered to the Cause of Christ through your cooperation. Time, talent and money have not been invested in THE REVIEW with the hope of any financial gain. The dividends have been paid in the coin of Heaven. We are confident that the influence of THE REVIEW will go on bearing fruit in the lives of missionaries who have been influenced by it, and in the work of pastors, missionary executives and leaders in local churches who have found here information and inspiration for their missionary work.

We do not regret what has been put into THE REVIEW. It has been a privilege to spend and be spent in the service of Christ who gave Himself for us.

With real gratitude and prayer for God's richest blessing on you and yours,

I remain your Friend,

Here is the letter being sent to stockholders

*Affectionately
Delavan L. Pierson*

Post, Louisa Wells
88 Fernside Ct.
March 21, 1938

My dear Dr. Spencer:

Your letter brought
to my mind many
pleasant memories.

You write of having
known Dr. Post almost
fifty years but it
was much longer ago
that you came into
my Father's life, and
he always spoke of
you with deep af-
fection.

they spent their lives in do-
ing good, surely they are
joying in a larger service
there.

We thank you and Mrs.
Specer for your words of sincere
sympathy and comfort. If I
had not been conscious of the
presence of Christ I could not
have borne this sorrow.

Very gratefully yours -
Louisa Wells Post

I find records in Father's
diary of turning to
you for help when
sick in body and
in mind, and now
you are thinking of
James and Father
in Paradise. It seems
it is not far away
when Christ said to
the thief on the cross
"Today shalt thou be
with Me in Paradise".
Since we know

REV. ALEXANDER PRINGLE, M. A.
W. 924 Fifteenth Avenue
Spokane, Washington
May 1, 1938

*Ans.
M. 7.*

Robert E Speer, D.D.
New York. N . Y.

Dear Doctor Speer:

I read with much interest the list of books you have recommended "For Lenten Reading,"-- with the side-lights you have given as to the contents of each volume.

This is a real service you are rendering to many earnest students who, like myself, may not have the chance to examine the volumes ~~for~~ themselves.

We have a very fine Public Library in our city, and its Librarian is always friendly towards suggestions from patrons. Quite a little space is given to Religious Books. (I really do not see how any Churchman, of whatever faith, can complain on that score.)

I am making free to ask that you please recommend a few - three or four - religious books to be placed on the shelves of our City Library. The list should contain a strong presentation of Christianity in the light of the Science and Philosophy of our day. The Reasonableness of Faith for the Modern Mind needs to be restated. I notice a book advertized: "Meditations in season on the Elements of Christian Philosophy", by a Columbia Professor, Herbert Wallace Schneider. Perhaps a book of that type would be illuminating to general readers.

Your judgment, I am sure would be of great help to us, for you are a wide reader, and a deep student - indeed, an author of many books.

I happen to be a Princeton man, and I have vivid - and happy - memories of your frequent visits to Old Nassau. Your lectures, and Murray Hall addresses especially, made a deep impression on my soul. I can never forget those Bible expositions - I could pass a good examination on many of them, although I never took any notes! Your coming was always an event for the students. Surely, your life has been wonderfully fruitful.

Gratefully yours

Alexander Pringle

Came to R. at the Park
to ride at home

Seat to the side of the car

R. at the side of the car

Just to the right of the car

Just to the left of the car

And to the right of the car

Just to the left of the car

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Pryse, Gerald Spencer

Mr. Robert E. Speer

Savile Club,
Brook Street,
W.1.

23rd January, 1939.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville,
Connecticut.

Sir,

I send you particulars of a project which seeks to clear away a mass of prejudice and inertia that lies between our two countries and makes impracticable any combination in defence of a common concept. We are faced with the risk that our most cherished ideals may be destroyed in detail unless public opinion can somehow be mobilised on a peace front.

Having realised that a plan calling for a new outlook on popularly accepted history is useless without the most authoritative backing and that especially in America, I have in the first place laid it before Charles Beard as the doyen of contemporary historians. Mr. Beard gives most hearty approval. Further, he tells me he has spoken to various members of the Historical Association who generally endorse his view that "it ought to be done".

The difficulties inherent in a project which must obviously be of special benefit to Britain at the outset are always in my mind. Yet it is clear that something of the sort is bound to come sooner or later and that the sooner it happens the greater

will be the prospect of maintaining a principle vital to both democracies without resource to arms. In putting forward my proposition I perceive the imperative necessity of avoiding any savour of insularity and of keeping everything fluid until it can benefit by the most informed American opinion from various angles. Should it prove possible the initiative will be taken in America.

In any event a new orientation of mass sentiment on such a scale calls for wide support to be effective. There must be behind it the most representative names. An initial step would be the formation of a Council to include distinguished personages on both sides of the Atlantic who find themselves in sympathy with the "General Proposition". These personages would not be expected to subscribe money or take any active part; the simple fact of their approval providing the foundation for any practical application which may follow. While there would be no set limit to the membership, the proportion should be equal as between the United States on the one hand and the British Commonwealth on the other.

In effect the historic entertainment film appears to offer a field more quickly available and more comprehensive than any other. The "Scheme for Films" which I enclose will indicate its scope. If only for financial reasons, such a cycle of pictures should undoubtedly be launched by one of the leading Hollywood houses; a circumstance which in itself furnishes the means to a much desired American initiative under the happiest conditions.

While the uniform presentation of broad historic truth throughout the picture theatres of the United States and the British Commonwealth exactly meets the case.

To test the extent of the support likely to be forthcoming in this country, the plan has been submitted to four people who between them may be taken to stand for the widest possible range of view. They are Lord Snell, Leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords; Mr. Amery, of the Conservative right wing in the House of Commons; Lord Lothian, whose knowledge of Commonwealth affairs is unequalled; and Sir Michael Sadler, as a leading educationalist. All four have given unqualified approval.

Apart from correspondence with Mr. Beard, I have as yet established no contacts in the United States. I am now approaching three or four outstanding personages. I need hardly say that should you find yourself able to subscribe to the "General Proposition", your adhesion at this stage would be of inestimable benefit not only in America but on this side also. And in asking for such support, I want to say how much I should appreciate any suggestion it may occur to you to make.

I am,

Yours truly,

Serald Spencer Pryse

GENERAL PROPOSITION

There is room in the United States and the British Commonwealth for a more realistic attitude toward a common ideal. Though the two communities share an ancient tradition of tolerant and ordered liberty drawn from a single source and peculiarly their own, they are still held apart by prejudice derived from old wrongs; with the result that the defence of a principle dear to both is hampered and rendered ineffective.

A new and impartial survey embracing the history of each within the wider orbit of a common concept would present events more objectively in their relationship to one another, and so clear the way to a fuller understanding. From such an angle barriers that have remained so long insurmountable are instantly diminished to nothing. The American constitution itself emerges as the expression of an attitude of mind that originated far back and took concrete form in the establishment of representative parliamentary government by Edward I. Resistance to the Stamp Act becomes the sequel to John Hampden's refusal to pay Ship Money. The British Dominions are modelled on the epoch-making federal system first worked out by men of genius for the thirteen United States of America.

The project would thus draw its force from a fresh insistence on historic truth seen in a larger perspective, and its activities would be centred on one broad vision. The underlying principle is ideological rather than racial in its range. In past days it has been greatly strengthened by such events as the introduction from Germany of the printing press and the discovery of the American continent by a Spanish expedition inspired by Portuguese navigators and under Italian leadership.

In practice, means would be sought of presenting the case in a simple and vivid way suited to popular apprehension. For example, methods might range from lectures to explanatory textbooks written from the new angle and fitted to the needs of primary education, and from single reel instructional films to historic entertainment features.

GENERAL SCHEME FOR FILMS

The intention is to impress upon mass opinion throughout the United States and the British Commonwealth the consciousness of a common heritage of ordered tolerant liberty. The educational film can only cover a small part of the ground. In the considered view of the British Film Institute "the historic Entertainment film is teaching history to more old and young than all the history masters combined. It gives human interest, provides material for conversation, is not didactic, simplifies issues and puts no great strain on the intelligence. But the history it teaches is absurdly inaccurate."

This then is the proposition. To create a cycle of Entertainment Pictures free from didactic tendency, relying on dramatic force to give relief to an historic concept. While the publicity value of any one picture may well be transitory, it is reasonable to anticipate cumulative and lasting results from a series dealing with the widest range of subject, yet each one leading by a different path to the same conclusion.

In practice, the problem would be to bring dramatic values into line with historic truth. Under ideal conditions each separate aspect of the main theme should be embodied in a story of sufficient ~~dramatic~~ power and popular appeal, derived from

recorded facts without distortion of space or time. More often than not, however, this degree of perfection might be unattainable. In which event there would inevitably be resource to a fictitious plot, woven into recorded events without disturbing their sequence and in harmony with their vital features. Imaginary characters upon a background in which historic personages play their appropriate parts, with the background itself a true mirror of the times. The plot itself so conceived as to turn upon the historic theme and to reconcile a dramatic unity implicit in entertainment standards with objective truth. "The liberty of the artist to present scenes beautifully and dramatically does not carry with it a licence for falsification."

Any attempt to modify current practice in the making of entertainment films involves an element of risk. On the other hand, put together with due regard to dramatic and popular sentiment without disturbing vital features, such films would bring the essential idea before an incomparably larger public than could be possible by any other means. And behind them there would be the enthusiasm of very many stirred by a great ideal, as well as that of the teaching world primarily interested in objective truth. Thus, while ideological aims are most efficiently served by the widest popularity in the form of their presentation, the same quality may be counted on to swell box-office returns.

Turning to the educational aspect, feature films soundly based on history are readily capable of adaptation for schools.

Edited and abbreviated into one or at most two reel films with an intervening break, with other fictional features entirely eliminated or sunk in the background, the main historic event would emerge in its wealth of detail to convey a true picture of the period. In the form of sixteen millimetre film suited to the scale of school projectors the cost should be approximately covered by the modest rentals paid.

It is evident that a cycle of feature films for general release in the United States and the British Commonwealth must involve heavy initial outlay. But produced in some sort of association with one of the leading commercial houses, and secure of substantial bookings in advance, they could be counted on to hold their own. The very special support they would enjoy from great sections of the population might more than compensate for the absence of certain features often associated with this type of film; while it is certain that authentic history rightly handled can provide subject matter of great dramatic appeal. There is, indeed, reason to suspect that the travesty of truth so often conspicuous in historic feature films is not so essentially associated with the balance of profit as is generally supposed.

Guardian Angels

See that ye despise not one of these little ones: for I say unto you, that in Heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in Heaven (Matthew 18: 10).

In December of 1933 a Baptist minister whom we will call Mr. Q., and his wife, were going through deep water financially. Upon a certain Sunday in this month Mrs. Q., because of worry and concern about their situation, said to her husband that she felt unable to attend church that morning. He attended, as was his custom, and during the communion service breathed a prayer: "Oh, God, send a ministering angel to my wife this morning to comfort her." Upon his return home she met him with evidences of weeping upon her face, but with a certain exuberance of spirit, saying, "Oh, see what I have written. I was reading a book to distract my thoughts when I heard a voice say, 'Write,' and this is what I heard given me:

"Gather courage today sufficient for the week. Rest in the Lord your soul, He will order all thy ways. He is nigh to deliver thee. When He is called Light, that means that there is no darkness. Learn your lesson of trust. You are in a pool of light. Why fear darkness, for where there is Light, there can be no darkness, only your blindness. That is why He has promised to lead you, and He will.

"The worst is passed; fail not now when the hill is almost climbed. Your steps lag because you see not what God hath prepared for you whom He loves. Soon, very soon, you will see. Fear not, fear not—this is a spirit of God.

"Leave your troubles in His hand and step out of them into life, joyous and calm and sweet.

"Shake off your fears! This is a command. Receive His life consciously into your life. Make the receiving an act of your will, and that Life will more and more fill you with the needed vitality to press on.

"By the act of will you make it possible for Him to give you of His fullness—you will have new strength and mount up on wings as eagles, you will run this difficult course with strength and vigor. You will not weary nor become faint—you did well to write.

"See the beauty of the test that has been given you.

"It is one of the examination periods of your life, and I say it quietly and gently, my child, you have proved worthy; faint not nor falter."

Such was the message, the first of a series of hundreds which have since been received by her hand, heard clairaudiently. She, with her husband, had for some weeks previous to this Sunday been meeting with a few others who also loved the Lord Jesus, in an upper room, devoting an hour and a half to prayer, praise and communion. In their little service they followed the plan and order of divine service used in the First Century Church. Later developments revealed that the communicating spirit was Hosea, the prophet of the Old Testament.

Further messages informed the group that "each child born into this world has one Great Angel appointed as his guardian, from before birth until that birth comes, which you so wrongly call death, and since we go with speed which cannot be humanly reckoned, you are never left—I repeat—*never* left. Other angels appointed to help you in various ways lovingly come and go, and Great Forces fight for you, but thy angel remains, since he is responsible to the Father."

Another similar group of Christians had been meeting in an upper room in a suburb of Philadelphia. Attending one of these meetings in December, 1933, Hosea, through Mrs. Q., informed the members of their Guardian Angels' names. One of these angels was Joseph of Arimathea, guardian to Mrs. G. In February of 1934 this group ceased meeting for several different reasons, chief of which seemed to be to find a suitable weekly night upon which all could come together. Early in 1936 one of this group learned in a round about way of the "Circle of Blessing," emanating from Mrs. Lilian Rendall, of "Little House," Binfield, Berks, England. She publishes monthly a little paper called "My Messenger," which "is intended for those whose place upon the Ladder of Consciousness enables them to know the truth—that our Lord Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ of God, can and does both speak and write through humble consecrated men and women of today."

To quote from the opening paragraph of the paper:

In December, 1933, our guidance clearly came to discontinue "The Messenger," the little paper of inspired Messages sent out by the Circle of Blessing.

In February, 1934, we were comforted with the assurance that we should some day be allowed to print again, that the paper would be called by Our Lord "My Messenger," and would help Him at His Coming.

In April, 1934, we were given reassuring "Messages" to send round the Circle of Blessing, with a form to be filled up by those *asking* to receive the paper "when reprinted."

We have done our best to keep in touch with these members since, praying regularly for the help of those cases entered in our Books of Prayer, waiting for further guidance.

In the early morning of Tuesday, May 21st, 1935, Our Lord's Word came with unmistakable clearness:

"I need thy work to uphold Me in the thought of the world."

"I call thee to start 'The Messenger' again for Me, to be called 'My Messenger.'"

"Gather in My Messengers from wheresoever I speak through them, and I will guide thee what to print and what shall not go forth."

"Thou shalt ask those I guide thee to, to write for Me and name them 'with a Number.'"

"Thou shalt know all the details and all the needs through My Word to thee in thy consciousness."

"I thy Lord will be with thee in thy consciousness, and will guide thee entirely, thy needs shall be My care and thy guidance complete."

Please note that the month "The Messenger" was ordered discontinued was the month that Joseph of Arimathea became known to D. (Mrs. G.), and that when the Circle of Blessing was promised a reprinting of "The Messenger" was when the Philadelphia group ceased to meet!

In each issue of "My Messenger" is a message received from Joseph of Arimathea! Naturally the question was raised in the minds of some of the Flamebearers, the name of the group organized under Hosea's instructions, how could Joseph be a Guardian Angel in America and also manifest in England? Hosea was asked for information on this point. The resulting message was received:

Thursday, March 12th, 1936.

Mrs. Q.: Hosea, will you please explain to W. E. concerning Joseph of Arimathea?

Hosea: "Yea, verily! I have told thee my Charge that one Guardian Angel is appointed to each child born into this world, and that *except* for prayer and communion with the Father, that Angel never removes his presence from his Charge, and since he travels swifter than light, he can again be present before anything can happen.

"I myself directed W. in the sending of these messages to you from those Flame Bearers of clear and beautiful vision who dwell in England.

"As each group progresses more and more in the increase of their faithfulness and in beauty of life, with greater frequency shall the Great Christ Himself speak, for He only comes to the pure in heart who respond with joy to His Presence.

“Joseph of Arimathea belongs in a peculiar way to England, because during his life on earth he went there in serving God. That is truth. It is also true that God sent him to D. as her Great Guardian Angel, for verily this group was desired as a group of Flame Bearers which they could not be because of their self-satisfaction and lack of the highest aspirations which ever leads to mediocre living.

“If that group had so become, Joseph of Arimathea would have been able to form an *unbreakable* link between England and the United States, for on both sides of the Atlantic they herald the New Day. In 1933 in the month of December the English Group were halted because of mine own announcement to the World, for you are all part of the plan of glory in the Day of the Lord on earth, all ordered by the Most High God.

“That group failed and so progress was lamentably halted; discussions have arisen in various quarters and so evil has wrought havoc. Slow has been the procedure and now it must be quickened.

“I have already explained to you my Charge my presence in other Flame Bearing Groups as being a reflected presence—I, Hosea, commissioned by the Father as the Herald of the New Dawn, have a special mission to fulfill, and I must needs visit elsewhere in order to guide and train. Think of a mirror held in the sun rays; so I, although I myself stand by my Charge, through the Power of the Presence of God, before Whom I stand, and as it were *reflected* to another group in order to bless them.

“Space exists not to those in High Heaven, and Joseph of Arimathea is a very connecting link between these two countries. He is indeed the Helper, in the New Dawn, to that Circle of Blessing in England.

“God’s great work of revelation has been hampered and warped in this country through the signal failure of this group to recognize that the call which came to them was from *Highest Heaven*.

“I would have them still follow after, although for a time they must needs lag behind. It is even now not too late for them to cast aside the trappings of maturity in which they have thought by clothing themselves they had verily so become—instead they are still the little children of God. Let them recognize this fact, so that with gladness they may grow in grace and in knowledge and so be able to receive the new revelation of God.

“I bless them in this new call which comes to them afresh and I bless thee my Charge who writes, I, Hosea, the Prophet of Old and the Herald of the New Dawn, verily a spirit of God.”

It is interesting to note the synchronous happenings in America and in England relating to the Flamebearers and the members of the Circle of Blessing without either group knowing of the existence of the other. This would corroborate the authenticity of each group's phenomena as being what the sources claim for them.

Further messages from Hosea give additional light on the character and work of the Guardian Angels, their relationship to us, their charges, how we may come to know them as realities and share the atmosphere of High Heaven, wherein they dwell. Some of these messages follow :

MESSAGE X, DELIVERED SOME TIME IN DECEMBER, 1933.

Pray to the Father and to the Great Master Christ and confer with me, Their Ambassador, Their Messenger of love to thee and thine and thy friends.

Rely on me, for I came to thee at the first at His bidding. Thy spirit was given into my care at birth, and I am responsible for thee, dear child. Help me keep the trust.

Our God is a God of order, and the trouble with the world today is, that it has forgotten to listen to the voice which every man can train himself to hear. It is a still small voice, but obeyed, it becomes loud and insistent and yet very loving. That directing voice will bring order out of the present chaos, as it did when the voice of God first spoke to that, which afterwards became the ordered universe which you now dimly know. I am the mouthpiece to you of the Most High. I, as your elder brother, will tell you that which your Father in Heaven tells me, His lesser son, to speak to you, and through you to others.

If thou hadst not stood the test, I thy Guardian Angel, could not have spoken to thee.

MESSAGE XVII

December 23, 1933.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so you are girt with angels who await eagerly the chance to serve you. So often we fail, because you so often forget to take the far look toward your Father's country, which is yours *now*. The far look is always a restful thing. It shows you beauty, breadth of vision and restfulness; and weariness of heart and mind and body drop off as a heavy cloak and one feels unencumbered and free. Freedom of soul can always be so accomplished.

Be careful to always take a few moments every day to bathe in Heaven's light. It will not only help you, but those about you. Look

up, up into the Father's face, that face you cannot as yet behold, but it is there, back of the mists of humanity, and that light which is as a white heat glows through and your faces and lives will become radiant and without shame, blameless as that light burns away the dross.

Blessings on thee, dear child. How close your realization of me has made us as we walk together. Help is mutual, and as you help me to help you, I too am helped, and our Father, yours and mine, is glorified.

Some day, child of my love and care, we shall stand together before Him, that Father of All Existence, and He will rejoice with us as we behold His face, and we shall both hear Him say to us, "Well done!"

If life well-lived on earth brings *that*, what is hardship, or pain, or sorrow, or thwarted desires, as long as we can appear before Him in the shining robes of His Righteousness and washed in the sacrifice of the Good Shepherd for His sheep.

I walked this world, child of mine, in your long ago, and suffered, and sorrowed, and loved, and looked up, and I know what the struggle for right-living means.

Now, oh Glorious Father, I have become that which gives me the right to look into the Face of my God, your God, our God, and talk directly with Him, as Father and Son can speak. The reward of tasks well done is this, oh my child.

I am speechless, not even Heavenly language can tell of the wonders of His unspeakable beauty, majesty, love, and glory. He blinds even me, His angel, with a glorious blindness of wonder, love, and devotion.

My child, I would fold thee close, and bid thee God-speed in your walk of life.

I walk beside thee, and I will help and inspire as long as thou wilt let me.

I, a spirit of God, thy Guardian Angel.

MESSAGE XLII

January 7, 1938

Yea, I always stand, when thou dost write, by thy right shoulder. You are correct in thinking of me there.

Time for conferring or speaking to me does not have to be arranged, for I am always with thee. I pass swifter than light from the Father to thee and back. The absence is so brief nothing can happen to thee in that time that I am not already there with thee before it occurs, so I can truly say that I never leave thee. Thou art my work.

Yea, Guardian Angels attend only one individual. They do nothing else except their constant prayer and communion with the Father.

Other great angels who are not guardians aid and accomplish other things for the Father and other Forces are always helping thee in many ways.

But I, dear child, am particularly thine. Dost see the great dignity of the children of God that each has one Guardian Angel, who attends him alone—that angel's responsibility?

In this New Day, man will through this new knowledge of God begin to realize that great worth that man has in God's sight. His children are precious to Him indeed.

MESSAGE XLIII

January 7, 1934.

Dear child, it is sweet to realize that thou art eager to hear my voice and commune with me, and I am glad to have thee feel my nearness and my love. As Guardians, the Angels of High Heaven have been handicapped by the darkness that came upon mankind when they felt that God no longer spoke to them nor would speak to them as in times past; instead of the fact that as man grew in knowledge and reason, he should have made possible the realization that God and angels wish to speak to man, always to that inner ear, but also at times to that outer ear. Man has not lost entirely the listening ear, although his hearing should be greatly quickened, but the gift of hearing with the outer ear has all but vanished.

When such happenings have occurred and been reported, that to the world is the result of an unsound mind. Can it be a wrong mental condition to hear from Heaven? Can the All-Powerful God and His angels, His messengers to His children, be powerless to speak to His creatures? They are almost, but only because of great unbelief.

Men listen to the most miraculous tales of things scientists claim to have seen and classified, and even their conjectures are believed, but speech from Heaven is unhesitatingly pronounced impossible. The speech direct of a Father to His children is thought to be ridiculous, and yet He the Great One is the All-Powerful One as many fully believe; and yet in this day on earth of science He is considered impotent, helpless to speak with those He loves. Only man's doubt makes that unforgivable sin—as it seems to us in High Heaven—possible.

The world will not now long be thus ignorant. Thou too shalt hear my voice, dear child of my cherished love and care. God will give us both this privilege.

May thy sleep be peaceful. The Most High would place His love upon thee with new consciousness on thy part. His peace is enfolding thee with its quiet beauty. Thy Angel bends over thee in watchfulness and in prayer. What can'st thou fear enfolded by thoughts and by the arms of protecting love? Heaven's very benediction is thine.

I, a spirit of God, who broods over thee in the anxiety of love, bless thee.

This leaflet is cheerfully given you free. If you are blessed in its reading and wish to make a contribution, however small, towards the cost of its printing and of future publications, the same will be gratefully received by Q. E. D., 646 Erie Street, Camden, N. J., where further information may be secured in answer to questions raised in your mind by these communications.

Reese, Alex.
Itabuna,
Estado da Bahia,
Brasil.
11 June 1938

Dr Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville,
Conn. Estados Unidos.

My dear Dr Speer:

I thank you sincerely and heartily for your kind letter of 11 March, with its generous words about my book, and for similar sentiments in your letter to Mr Anderson, which has gone round the Mission. They are appreciated by me far more than I am able to say. There was an extremely handsome letter also from Dr Waddell, who confesses to being a Philistine usually on details of the Second Coming. And there was a gratifying reaction from the Seminary at Campinas, which is Post-millennial.

But there is another side to the medallion: the Darby-cum-Gaebelein-cum-Scotfield school has fallen on the book with incredible malice and animus. Though "Christianity Today" gave me^a perfect bill of health regarding Modernism, and gave the book a big send-off in U.S.A., the other people, misunderstanding a quotation from Dalman, and viewing Sir G.A. Smith, Dr Moffatt, and A.B. Davidson as fore-runners of the Antichrist, make me out to be an Arian, a Modernist, and a terrible fellow.

I waited twenty-three years to publish the book, which is fourteen more than Horace is alleged to have stipulated for testing one's views; but I really wish that I had waited a few years more. This might have let me see the final edition of the Typescript, and the proof-sheets in time to eliminate some scores of misprints, omissions, & insertions. Even the corrected copy that went to you missed two bad errors: the second note on p.245, which contradicts both Dr Milligan & me, is a gloss; and at line 2 (from foot of page) on p.118, "Christians" should be "Christian".

However, I am a good enough Calvinist to remember the words of a poor cripple who came to my door some years ago, dragging himself along on his hands and back, & replied when commiserated with: "Everything that God does is good".

I should say that your letter reached Itabuna whilst I was at the State Capital, where I had to put in nearly six weeks at Treasury work; then on my return I got into a routine of four and six services a week; hence the delay, which I much regret.

With renewed thanks, and every good wish,
yours sincerely,

Alex. Reese

Alex. Reese

1617 California Ave

Stonson, Iowa

Reynolds, Mrs. Walter M.

December 15, 1937.

Dear Dr. Speer,

My husband & I were so happy when we learned you are to come to our church next spring - for we are sure of a great spiritual blessing as a result of your visit.

The Second Presbyterian Church has been my church for nearly 25 years - very near all my life - and I love it and the people in it dearly. But there is one thing that worries me so much and that is this: the people do not seem to have the deep sense of reverence that they used to have a few years ago as they enter the church of the Living God. There seems to be too much talking and God is not asking or expecting too much when He wants our thoughts to dwell constantly on Him while we are in His House. It's such a short time to give - and if we could just give Him our all while we are there!

After the service is over it's almost like a reception - everyone smiling & speaking to everyone else & not in too moderate tones. It cuts me too - my heart & I come out almost ready to cry - please, Dr. Speer, try to renew that sense of deep reverence for God in our church. Our Confession of Faith tells us how we should conduct ourselves in church. but it seems people don't take the time to read things of that sort much any more.

Dr. Munroe is so wonderful & he tries to remedy this but if he'd "take us over the coals" I think he'd get better results. He's too sweet & gentle about it.

Please understand the spirit in which I'm writing this, Dr. Speer, do not think that I mean it in an ugly critical sort of way nor do I mean to imply that I am above being wrong myself because God and I both know my shortcomings - & may I ask you to treat this confidentially - but my reason for writing this to you was to ask you to bear this in mind while speaking to us.

May God bless you & keep you
Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Walter M. Reynolds.

Rice, Bernard L.

"The richest assets, greatest problems, sternest perils, mightiest forces, costliest offenders, strongest defenders, highest hopes of the church are her young men and young women"

Good
Frank!

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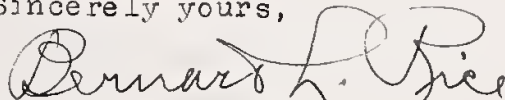
My dear Dr. Speer:

Although you are supposed to be no longer at the wheel I naturally turn to you for a bit of information.

Yesterday I had lunch on his nintieth birthday with Dr. L. L. Uhl for fifty years missionary in India under the Lutheran church. He is a grand old man and is now, even at this advanced age, engaged in writing a book, a history of his mission. It is concerning an item of information required by him that I write. Dr. Uhl wants to know the name of the first Indian convert to come to America and travel in a series of addresses to Christian audiences. This man, according to Dr. Uhl, was a man of power both intellectual and spiritual and was a product of Presbyterian missions. I felt sure that you would know or at least would be glad to turn my letter over to one of the men in the office to look up this bit of history.

And now may I do what I have often wanted to do since I heard of your retirement, assured that I am among the millions around the world who today in memory of a distinguished past rise up and call you blessed. I sincerely hope that before many months I may have a chance to meet you again and perhaps hear you speak. If ever you should be spending a Sunday in Boston I would hope to have you at this student house to speak to the young people.

Sincerely yours,



Bernard Lea Rice

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July 16, 1938. JS

OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR OF THE CONFERENCE FOR MINISTERS
2330 NORTH HALSTED STREET

Dear Dr. Speer: Would you be so kind as to give me your first reaction to a plan, in keeping with the enclosed statement, for mobilizing popular sentiment in favor of China and the new life movement in that Republic?

We shall want to discuss it July 25-30 in our Conference for Ministers and it would help us greatly, if we could have just your first impression of it.

Thanking you, sincerely, I am

Faithfully yours,

Norman E. Richardson

Dr. Robert E. Speer
New York City, N.Y.

Confidential and tentative

The Universal, New-Life Movement

This movement has been planned and is being promoted for the purpose of realizing the following five objectives:

evangelize a more vital and vibrant faith among those individuals
First, to every branch of the Christian church, who feel the lure of living a God-guided, God-quickened, God-strengthened life and who are willing to pay, in terms of spiritual culture and discipline, the maintenance cost of strong, sound, relaxed, joyously creative, released, and socially useful personalities.

The present emergency in world Christianity and in world civilization makes it urgent that religious experiences be nurtured on the deeper levels of sentiment, thought, and conduct. The movement seeks to develop a quality of personal adjustment to God, to fellowman, and to the physical world that makes victorious living possible, for individuals in every kind of life situation.

Second, to foster a better understanding, a more charitable appreciation, and a more effective cooperation among all the various movements, societies, religious communions, institutions, and organizations that seek the welfare of humanity and the destruction of the sources of human woe.

With the increased compactness of world society, the multiplication of facilities for making social contacts, and the resulting tensions among the various units of ordered society, there is urgent need for unity and harmony among the organized influences that are striving for the further realization of righteousness, justice, good-will, and peace. To stimulate this ecumenical awakening, to foster a world-wide fellowship in Christ, and to bring the moral resources of the world to bear upon crucial situations, may be considered the social objective of the movement.

Third, to undergird the Universal Christian Council and its constituent bodies with those sentiments, activities, and insights which will give it increasing strength, stability, and effectiveness.

In order to help make this Council the instrument of a vigorous, universal, Christian mind and heart, the New Life Movement proposes to stimulate and direct sound theological thinking, participation in Christian, social action, the practice of personal communion with God, and a spiritually stimulating, social fellowship that is purged of all artificial racial, political, economic, cultural, and social barriers. Service, alone, is the measure of greatness in this movement. Members of the universal Church of Christ should live daily, in the inspiration of a world-embracing vision of the Kingdom of God.

Fourth, to protect and preserve the autonomy, independence, and distinctive characteristics of those organized units of ordered, world society that are capable of making their own, unique contributions to the cultural life of humanity.

Just as the body has many parts, each with its own particular structure and function, so the political, economic, social, cultural, and religious life of mankind is composed of units that must not lose their identities if they have necessary tasks to perform. But social, economic, political, and religious institutions that have outlived their usefulness should not be permitted to drain off the vital resources that might otherwise be used constructively. This is no time for spiritual energy to be wasted in maintaining parasites. The rapid developments in scientific and technological fields make it imperative that alertness and in-

telligence, as well as courage and sympathy, should guide the spiritual statesmen of the present-day, in their work of social reconstruction.

Fifth, to encourage and give substantial support to those recently-constituted movements that seek to enrich the devotional life, to clarify the religious thinking, and to invigorate the social action of both youth and adults who, by imitation of Jesus Christ, are seeking to make love the law of their lives and to practice absolute honesty, unselfishness, purity and service.

Some of these movements are in danger of becoming hardened into an inflexible orthodoxy of technique and formal belief. But where the spirit of God is, there is liberty, -- freedom from artificial restraints and injurious conformity. Individuals and groups are accountable primarily to God. He is the Lord of the conscience. His will is sovereign. No social pressure or political coercion can be tolerated if it interferes with this inherent religious right to live under the immediate, personal guidance of the Spirit of God.

The New Life Movement seeks to develop effective resistance to all economic, political, social, religious, and other forces that seek to interfere with this God-given freedom to worship Him in spirit and in truth. The Kingdom of God is the only legitimate, ultimate society. There is no totalitarian principle, other than love of God and loyal devotion to His kingdom, that can give adequate guarantees for unity and strength in (either individual or social life.

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The Immediate Aim

The immediate aim of the Universal, New-Life Movement is to organize and make available to the New Life Movement in China and its leaders, Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, the greatest possible moral support in their efforts to lift over four hundred million people out of economic degradation and social disorder and onto a higher plane of personal and national integrity.

Building upon the ancient virtues of etiquette (li), justice (i), integrity (lien) and conscientiousness (ch'ih), on which the founder of the movement, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, placed great emphasis, these noble, present-day leaders, are using the resources of the national government to effect an essentially Christian revolution. This is a period of profound transition in China. Difficult changes in customs and habits are being effected. The new policies of the government are suffering terribly because its energies must be directed toward self protection. Its existence has been endangered by foreign, military invasion. The work of fostering democratic and intelligent patriotism is fearfully handicapped by traditional lethargy and economic penury.

While trying to purgo government officials of dishonesty and avarice, foster self respect and temperance among the youth, save the poor from crudeness and disorder, lift the burden of ignorance and corruption from adults, cleanse the homes of squalor and suffering, these Christian leaders are forced to direct their major energies toward saving their government from brutal annihilation. While engaged in trying to prevent and to remedy natural calamities and social disasters caused from within, they have had to turn practically all their vital resources to the prevention of further invasions from without.

"Water always flows over a wet surface; while fire goes wherever it is dry" is an ancient Chinese proverb. Only when the fundamental virtues are inculcated can the problems of getting food, shelter, and clothing be solved on a

and communication

permanent basis. The revolution which Jesus Christ began must be carried forward in China. As "he taught that men should love one another, help each other in trouble and calamity, and serve each other in sickness", -- to use words from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's Easter message, which was broadcast in China, April 16, 1938, so those who would "realize the virtues of the New Life Movement, -- must have not only a new standard of action, but a new inner life."

The closing paragraph of this message reads as follows: "All of my fellow-believers should prize the meaning of regeneration and hold firmly the will to sacrifice. Taking Jesus as the Pattern of our lives, and adopting his spirit as our spirit, his life as our life, let us march bravely onward toward the cross in our effort to bring about a permanent peace among men and the revival of the Chinese people."

In order to help rally to the support of these fearless and consecrated leaders the massed moral sentiment and support of America, it is proposed that signatures to the following pledge be secured from at least two million youth and adults. These cards will be collected at the headquarters of the movement and forwarded, from time to time, to Generalissimo and Madam Chiang Kai-Shok, through the Chinese Embassy at Washington, D.C., which has agreed to render this service.

This movement has the hearty approval of the generalissimo and his advisors. It is also endorsed by leading Christians from every major area of the habitable globe.

The Universal, New-Life Movement

Pledge

Seeking, daily, to be guided by Jesus Christ's spirit of love and truth, I pledge myself, as an associate member of the New Life Movement of China

1. To pray for the success of the New Life Movement;
2. To do what I can to become well informed concerning it;
3. To make one or more sacrificial gifts, through accredited agencies, such as the Church Boards or the Red Cross, to help alleviate suffering in China;
4. To get others to consider the dire needs of this sister government, in its endeavor to build a Christian democracy; and
5. To urge my friends and acquaintances to sign this pledge and to forward the cards, signed, to the Universal, New-Life Movement, 510 Wellington Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Insignia of the Universal New Life Movement

ona shield as a flag, it is a modification of the national flag
The insignia of the Universal New Life Movement may be in the form of a flag of China, the Komingtang Insignia, which is the flag of the political party supporting the New Life Movement, founded by Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, the shield which is being used by the Association for the Promotion of the New Life Movement, and the Christian cross.

The blue field, which occupies the upper left one fourth of the entire area is the purest color of the azure sky. It symbolizes justice, fairness,

magnanimity, equality, democracy, -- by the people.

The remaining three fourths of the flag area is red. It symbolizes firm determination, bravery, liberty, nationalism, sacrifice, the price of emancipation, the blood shed in the rebirth of the race and of universal peace, - *of the people.*

In the field of blue is a white sun, with twelve radiant rays. It symbolizes truth, penetrating into every direction of the habitable globe and bringing light, peace, reformation, and progress. On its face is a compass symbolizing the fact that God's word gives trustworthy guidance and knowledge of the way of life, - *for the people.*

Separating the red and blue fields, is the Christian cross. It is white, symbolic of the gospel of Jesus Christ and its purifying, redeeming power.

As a flag, any size may be used provided, only, that the length and width are in the ratio of three to two. The diameter of the sun and its rays is three fourths of the width of the field of blue. The height of the cross is thirteen twenty-fourths of the width of the flag. The length of the compass is three fourths of the diameter of the face of the sun upon which it rests.

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STEAM HYDRAULIC MACHINERY

COATESVILLE, PA.

January 6, 1938

My dear "Grandfather Robert":-

I have your postal card telling me how you liked my letter to Dr. Ironside. The publication of this letter in the Times was a surprise party to me. I wrote it to Dr. Ironside as a bit of courtesy of the oldest writer in the Times to the youngest, and naturally sent a copy of it to the Times. I am hearing more from that than from my "Corner."

I note you are sending me a copy of your latest book. I cannot remember whether I sent you a copy of "The Christian Gentleman" or not.

For a long while I have wished that somebody might write the sort of a religious book that the fellow who had no religion might be led to read.

Because of the success of my book "In God We Trust" the Wilde Company was encouraged to print another book, and they asked me if I would not get one in shape. I gave the matter prayerful consideration, with the result that I said to myself, (after the manner of Andrew H. Brown talking to his "unconscious" self), "Why not try your hand at writing a book that will be at the heart of it evangelical, deeply religious and convincing, and at the same time be sufficiently attractive that the fellow who does not take any stock in things religious, or is merely nominally religious, would be led to continue reading if he once begun."

"The Christian Gentleman" is the book, now getting to market.

If you do not already have a copy I would like to send you one of the first edition, autographed in a little different manner than authors do that trick.

Dr. Mendenhall, who I presume is one of your neighbors up at Litchfield, Connecticut, sent his friend Judge Adrian Lyon of Perth Amboy a copy of the book for Christmas. When I learned this I sent the Judge my autograph to paste in his copy. I am enclosing you a copy of his reaction.

When I wrote the Judge I told him that the book probably would not affect him, an old seasoned Christian worker, like I hoped it would some fellow within his acquaintance who he would like to have influenced.

I am taking a page out of my own life's history: When I used to be in politics, as one of Senator Penrose's Lieutenants and named the postmasters here in western Chester County, a number of those who were my real friends, and wanting to see me use my energy for religious work rather than for political work, used to send or hand me certain books for me to read and be convicted of my sins and become converted and tie up with the Army of the Lord instead of the Republican Party.

Aunt Sally, for example, would give me a book written for the purpose of bringing sinners to their senses. I would read the preface or foreword, and perhaps the first chapter. When Aunt Sally would see me she would say "Will, how did thee like the book I gave thee?"

I would reply, "Aunt Sally, I guess that is a pretty nice book from the look of it, but I have just begun to read it."

When she would see me again she would say "Will, how did thee like that book I gave thee?"

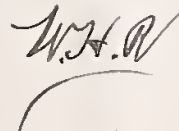
I would say "Aunt Sally, I haven't finished it."

After that it became my principal object in life, so far as Aunt Sally was concerned, to keep out of her way and dodge her.

I am hoping now that I have been used of the Lord to produce a book which if the Aunt Sallys and Uncle Georges, and dad and mother, hand to the boy or girl, if they begin reading it they will keep right on, just as Judge Lyon says he did, and as many another is writing me and so saying.

Trusting that you are growing old as beautifully and as gracefully as I seem to be doing, I remain as ever

Your young "grandson" in the eighties,



Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge",
Lakeville, Conn.

P.S.--In case you do not understand my claims for youth I beg to say some years ago I was at a banquet, where I was the "Hot Air Artist" of the occasion, as the toastmaster announced. He also told the audience that I was one of the "old fellows." I was in my sixties at the time. In my reply I called the attention of the company to the fact that Oliver Wendall Holmes has said "Fifty is the old age of youth, but sixty is the youth of old age," and that Victor Hugo has called attention to the fact that peaches and pears are sweetest just before decay. "Therefore, ladies and gentlemen, instead of being an 'old fellow' I claim to be in the same class as the young girls sitting over yonder----I am a 'Sweet Young Thing!'"

C O P Y

Adrian Lyon
Counsellor-at-Law
210 Smith St.
Perth Amboy, N. J.

January 5, 1938

Mr. William H. Ridgway,
Coatesville, Pa.

My dear Mr. Ridgway:-

I thank you ever so much for your letter just received. The day that Dr. Mendenhall sent me your book I took it up in the evening about ten o'clock to read the introduction and a few pages. I never laid it down until I had finished reading every word of it. You have rendered a great service in telling such real life stories, and I hope you will be greatly blessed because of it.

My acquaintance with you is one of the bright spots in my life. I hope you may continue to render such service as you are giving for many, many years.

Very cordially and sincerely yours,

(Signed) Adrian Lyon

Ridgway, W. H.

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COATESVILLE, PA.

June 14, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear "Uncle Bob":-

I feel very much complimented, indeed, that as you drew near your native shore I should be one of the "old birds" you should see sailing through the sky of your memory as you looked toward the west----I did not know where I was going to get with this metaphor, but I have alighted all right!

Not only did you think of this old farmer out in the tall grass of the Brandywine meadows, but you remembered his birthday. I want to tell you I appreciate the compliment highly.

I have been thinking all this year that I was approaching my eighty-third birthday, but last week I felt as if I was approaching not only my one hundred and tenth but my one hundred and eighty-third!

I was invited by former Senator Calder to come over to Brooklyn and attend a luncheon, which he gave at the Montauk Club, and then witness the one hundred and tenth parade of the Brooklyn Sunday Schools. I took occasion to visit the great World's Fair, by going over a day or two early. After I had done the Fair a couple of days and attended the Sunday School celebration, I found myself singing "The Old Gray Mare Ain't What She Used to Be."

I put up at the Union League, and when I got there Thursday evening I was too tired to eat. I expect you have felt that way many a time. So for my supper I ordered a tureen of consomme, the lightest of the soups, which I could drink without having to do any mastication, and then retired to my room and spent the whole evening resting up, and, as I have said, singing the good old song to myself "The Old Gray Mare Ain't What She Used to Be."

You will appreciate the situation after you have undertaken to do the Fair.

We are very happy here in our new minister. The Lord has been very good to us. He put Dr. Smith where he belonged out at Chicago and sent us one of Sidney Smith's boys in Mr. Lorne H. Belden. For the first time in twelve years we have had a pastor. Our church is now the largest church in the Presbytery, and one of the three largest Presbyterian Churches, I think, in eastern Pennsylvania.

Notwithstanding the depression, the first year the popularity of our new minister was such that we were able to recarpet and renovate our church, at a cost of between six and seven thousand dollars, and all paid for.

In other words, the old promise holds true, "Them that honor me I will honor."

Wishing you a happy and restful summer, I remain

Yours with regards,

Craig Ridgway
"Aunt Betty"



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LAKEVILLE, CONN.

ERNEST P. ROBERTS
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Subscribed
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Oct. 6, 1939.

Dear Mr. Speer:

After returning from a few days
rest, I found your card requesting the address of
Mr. Berry - It is Silas H. Berry
Belmont,
Mass.
To Harold Berry.

I was glad to get your card as I have not heard
you in years, when the leadership of Mott-Brockman
* your good self meant so much to the "Y." I have just
come to Westchester "Y" & Camp Sloan & these last two
seasons & shall be most happy to have you visit
us at Camp next season.

Very cordially
Ernest P. Roberts

Roman, V. E.



CALIFORNIA

"The Land of Sunshine"

Dr. R. E. Speer, LL. D., Sec'y., Emeritus,
Presbyterian Mission Board, N.Y.C. city

Dear Doctor Speer,

A few months ago I read your splendid book, "The Meaning of Christ to me" with great profit. It was a fresh stimulus to me in the life of faith. This book together with "The Finality of Jesus Christ" has been widely advertised and highly recommended in the official denominational weekly of the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America. Your books in general have been a source of much inspiration and guidance in my own Christian experience for which I want to thank you. Your book "Young Men's Questions" have been a great help to many of the Sunday School boys under my jurisdiction. Your articles in "The Missionary Review of the World" and other magazines which I have read have revealed your breadth of vision in the world missionary enterprise and the adequacy of the Gospel of the Son of God to meet the individual and social needs of the world.

This week, someone sent me a religious paper ~~to me~~ from the East coast which rather shocked me. In it, reference was made concerning some recommendations you had made for Lenten Reading in the "Presbyterian Tribune". One of the books mentioned was "Successful Christian Living" by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick of New York. I could scarcely believe my eyes and still wonder if you would recommend any of the Modernistic books by Dr. Fosdick of Riverside Church. I have always regarded him to be theologically unsound. His attractive personality and smooth and eloquent words over the radio on "National Vespers" have undoubtedly misled many a life in the realm of theology and his interpretations of the Bible. Your Scriptural books is a strong rebuke to such an apostate as Dr. Fosdick. If you would kindly inform me the facts in this case, I would certainly appreciate hearing from you.

Thanking you in advance for your usual courtesy and kindness and friendship.

Respectfully yours,

V. E. Roman

PS. Stamp enclosed.
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Russell, Ellen

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SPEER RANCH SCHOOL
TUCSON, ARIZONA

ROBERT M. RUSSELL, D.D.

MALCOLM MARSHALL, S.T.M.

September 27th, '39

Dr. and Mrs. Robt. E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Doctor and Mrs. Speer:

From the letterhead you will see that we have named our school in memory of Elliott, and we do hope that this decision will be agreeable to you. Ellen understood that I was to confer with you, but during the busy recent weeks, when I sold the house and its contents, I had little time to do many things that I should have done.

Please give our best love to Bill and tell him how sorry I was not to see him before I came West.

Very sincerely your friend,

Robert M. Russell

Oct 4 '39

Twenty-four Gramercy Park
New York, N. Y.

My dear Bob,

Your letter with the proposed name of your school on the envelope & letter head came yesterday. When Mrs. Spier & I read it we were deeply touched by its evidence of your affection & regard, and Ellen, for Elliott but also we learned of the opposition with regard to the name - both for you and the school & on our own account.

We do not believe it is best for a new school to bear a personal name. But this time we have some schools which do - both Dept & Ethel Greeter and Abolition & some others. As for both, perhaps good. Andrew Keats, but these are all names of the founders themselves & of the financial benefactors. And as for the present established schools we can see that those which bear personal names are as a rule discredited by it. For this reason - for you should have interest in what is best either as impressed or a geographical name. For if for fact that it should have a personal name I can't see how you

can see to see personal feeling, for whole family has always been absolutely opposed to any further use of the family name, and I see the family name & not Elliott's for you propose to see. We could have this feeling even when we were assuming full responsibility of it, and still more, if possible, when I see the memory of Elliott that is involved. We have spent a great deal of time to see that the memory for all was what we want.

If you have not your father with the name then to find a letter head and you please design it and any other stationery & choose some different title for the school? Even if you have your father please do not allow any to suggest a name & after the name I think is not as today. Her feelings are the same as ours at the time in this regard.

I have had to state the matter as it appears to us with as much consideration as we can, and fear that I have misunderstood our feeling as to what is required. But I could not consistently our opinion for you & Ellen & our common hopes & prayers for the success of the school.

Ever yours
John

As I must add that when I was proposed to see Elliott's name in consideration for some of the names suggested under the proposal was dropped as it appears. I am sure we have consulted in advance, and

if we had had any indication of your thoughts of having Elliott in the way
you have proposed to travel here as you know it will be a fairly awkward
how exposed and isolated but with very close quarters in the latter

Russell, Ellen

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letter but we wanted
you to hear of our
start - Desertably
Ellen*

S P E E R R A N C H S C H O O L

TUCSON, ARIZONA
OCTOBER 2, 1939

DEAR EVERYBODY:

WE SOMETIMES WONDER WHILE THINKING ABOUT WRITING HOME JUST WHO IS REALLY INTERESTED IN ALL OUR GOINGS WAY OUT HERE, BUT WE CONSIDER YOU AMONG THOSE WHO ARE. IT IS DIFFICULT TO GET TIME TO WRITE LETTERS EVEN HERE. SOME MAY THINK THAT ONE GOES WEST TO DO NOTHING, BUT THAT IDEA IS ERRONEOUS. IT IS THEREFORE WITH NO CONSCIENCE THAT BOB AND I THOUGHT OF WRITING ONE LETTER TO ALL WHO CARE TO HEAR ABOUT THE RUSSELLS' GOINGS,

TO BEGIN AT THE END, THE LAST EVENT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IS THAT BOB ACTUALLY ARRIVED! WE EXPECTED HIM A DAY OR SO LATER BUT INWARDLY FELT THAT HE WOULD DO JUST WHAT HE DID DO - BEAT THE GUN DRIVING OUT. WE WERE ALL ASSEMBLED IN TUCSON GOING ERRANDS. I STOOD ON ONE CORNER SO AS NOT TO MISS HIS ENTRÉE AND HAVE HIM GO ON AND FIND A DESERTED RANCH TO WELCOME HIM. I SHIFTED TO DO AN ERRAND, AND, OF COURSE, SISTER WAS THE ONE TO SEE HIM FIRST. HE AND BUO OOOOE, OUR CHARTER STUDENT FROM LARCHMONT, LOOKED SWELL IN SPITE OF THEIR RATHER FAST AND HOT TRIP ACROSS THE CONTINENT IN THE FORD STATION WAGON. THEY BOTH SEEMED TO APPROVE OF THE RANCH. POSSIBLY THEY WERE JUST GLAD TO STOP FOR LONGER THAN OVERNIGHT IN AN AUTO CAMP.

THE NEXT AND GREATEST EVENT OF ALL WILL BE THAT THE SPEER RANCH SCHOOL WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER THIRD, AS OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS STATED. SPEER RANCH SCHOOL IS THE NAME WE HAVE CHOSEN. JUST WHY IS QUITE OBVIOUS TO YOU ALL WHO KNOW OUR LOVE FOR ELLIOTT SPEER AND FOR WHAT HE STOOD FOR IN EDUCATION, CHRISTIAN CHARACTER, AND PERSONALITY. THAT HIS LIFE WAS AN INSPIRATION TO EACH ONE OF US IS KNOWN, SAIDLY PERHAPS, BETTER THAN IT IS SHOWN, BUT IT IS STILL OUR PURPOSE, IF NOT OUR ACHIEVEMENT, TO BE WORTHY OF HIS FRIENDSHIP AND EXAMPLE. FOR YEARS TOO MANY TO COUNT ELLIOTT MEANT MUCH TO BOB AND ME. FOR YEARS STUART, ELLEN, AND BOBBY ADDED HIS COMPANIONSHIP. MALCOLM MARSHALL STARTED TO TEACH AT HIS DESIRE AND UNDER HIS GUIDANCE. IF OUR LIVES ARE TO LEAD, THEY WILL ONLY LEAD WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN LED. ELLIOTT SPEER IS GONE; THE SCHOOLS HE SERVED WILL ALWAYS REVERE HIS NAME, BUT THEY STAND OBLIGATED TO THEIR FOUNDER, O.L. MOODY. OUR SCHOOL MAY BE VERY SMALL, BUT WHAT IT MAY BE WILL BE OFFERED IN ITS EVERY EFFORT TO THE MEMORY OF ELLIOTT SPEER.

TO DESCRIBE OUR SET UP HERE IS DIFFICULT. I BEGIN BY SAYING, "COME OUT AND SEE". AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, FOUR OF US STARTED OUT LAST SPRING TO FIND A PLACE TO START. OUR MOTOR TRIP WAS CRANE, EVEN OWASCO STOOD IT WELL, AND SUCH AN EXPERIENCE IS NOT EASY FOR AN IRISH SETTER IN THE SUMMER HEAT. WE WENT TO THE MOUNTAINS FIFTY MILES OUTSIDE OF TUCSON AND HAD A COUPLE OF MOST ENJOYABLE WEEKS. HOWEVER, WE FELT THAT THE RANCH THERE, HACIENDA LOS ENCINOS, WAS TOO FAR FROM TOWN TO START A SCHOOL. THE HEAT IN JULY DROVE US ON TO THE COAST. SANTA BARBARA CALLED US, RATHER OUR FRIEND OION KENNEY CALLED US, AND WE WERE VERY GLAD FOR BOTH. THOSE OF YOU WHO READ THE APPRECIATION I WROTE OF THE PLACE MAY HAVE GATHERED THAT I LIKED IT, TO SAY THE LEAST. ALL SUMMER WE WORKED IN PREPARATION FOR OUR VENTURE HERE AND WERE RESTLESS TO GET BACK TO IT. BOB FINISHED HIS WORK IN LARCHMONT AND FINALLY SOLD OUR HOUSE, MUCH TO

THE APPEASEMENT OF OUR APPREHENSIONS - AND WE ARE NOT WITHOUT APPREHENSIONS IN SUCH AN ADVENTURE. CERTAINLY FINANCIALLY WE MAY BE EITHER FATALISTIC OR JUST PLAIN FATAL. GOD ONLY KNOWS. BUT GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO US; TO IGNORE HIS HELP IN THE PAST WOULD BE FALSE; TO IGNORE THE FACTS IN THE PRESENT WOULD BE FOLLY. BUT I WAS NOT INTENDING TO PHILOSOPHIZE. I STARTED TO SAY WHERE WE ARE AND HOW WE GOT HERE. BOB HAS ALWAYS SAID IT IS THE BREADTH OF MY STORY NOT THE LENGTH THAT WELL, YOU CAN FILL THAT IN BY YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE WITH ME.

SO TO RETURN TO THE SUBJECT, WE LEFT CALIFORNIA THE MOMENT THE TEMPERATURE HERE PERMITTED US TO RETURN AND GOT BUSY LOOKING AT RANCHES. AGAIN THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN HERE CANNOT QUITE UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS SEARCH. IT IS A LITTLE MORE CONFUSING THAN FOLLOWING THE WRONG GREEN ARROW IN THE SUBWAY SHUTTLE WITH SEVEN SUITCASES IN YOUR ARMS, A BABY ON YOUR SHOULDER, A NICKEL IN YOUR POCKET, AND YOUR RESERVATION TO YOUR DESTINATION LOST BY IGNORANCE OF GREEN ARROWS. RATHER, IT IS IGNORANCE OF WHY GREEN ARROWS POINT THE WAY THEY DO. BUT WE FEEL THAT FINALLY WE WERE DELAYED IN OUR FINDINGS FOR GOOD REASONS. THE SEARCH TAUGHT US FAR MORE THAN ANY IMMEDIATE FINDING COULD EVER HAVE DONE, AND WE ARE GLAD THAT WHAT HAPPENED DID HAPPEN. WE ARE NOW SETTLED, NINE MILES FROM TUCSON - FAR ENOUGH OUT TO FEEL THE ABANDON OF THE DESERT BUT NEAR ENOUGH TO BE IN TOWN IN LESS TIME THAN ANY OF YOU CAN GET TO YOUR LOCAL DRUGSTORE. WE ARE KEEPING HOUSE, WHICH GIVES US ALL THE INDEPENDENCE OF AN OWNER YET WITH THE SECURITY OF BEING ON A DUDE RANCH AS THE OWNERS ARE STILL LIVING ON THE PLACE IN ANOTHER COTTAGE. YOU SEE, THE SIZE OF OUR SCHEDULE STILL PERMITS US TO SHARE SOME OF THE DESERT.

BOB, SISTER, AND I HAVE ONE COTTAGE. BOB AND I HAVE ONE LARGE ROOM. THERE IS A SCREENED PORCH AND A BATH ROOM. THEN THERE IS SISTER'S ROOM. WELL, THAT WAS THE KITCHEN, BUT DON'T TELL ANYONE. HOWEVER, I CANNOT REFRAIN FROM SHOWING CALLERS OUR TRULY INGENIOUS EFFORTS WHICH TRANSFORMED IT INTO A GRAND LOOKING BEDROOM; SO, YOU MIGHT AS WELL KNOW IF YOU WON'T COME AND SEE IT.

THE BOYS IN SCHOOL HAVE A LARGE SLEEPING PORCH AND BATH. WE TURNED A LIVING ROOM INTO A STUDY HALL. MALCOLM HAS A BEDROOM AND BATH, AND THERE IS ALSO THE MASTERS' OFFICE, DINING ROOM, AND KITCHEN ALL IN THE MAIN HOUSE. YOU SHOULD SEE THE SCHOOL BANK, STORE, AND POST OFFICE. MOST OF THE STUDYING, HOWEVER, IS TO BE OUT UNDER THE RAMONA OR UNDER SOME PEPPER OR ORANGE TREE OR OUT IN THE SUNSHINE, WHERE GAZING AT THE SURROUNDING MOUNTAINS WILL BE THE ONLY DIVERSION FROM CONCENTRATION. THIS RANCH PARTICULARLY APPEALED TO ME FOR ITS TREES. IT IS IN THE HEART OF THE DESERT CACTUS COUNTRY, BUT ITS OWNER, ASIDE FROM BEING A RANCHER, IS AT HEART A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT. ASIDE FROM HAVING A SHOW CACTUS GARDEN HE HAS IRRIGATED SUFFICIENT LAND TO HAVE A GROVE OF PALOS VERDES, A BIT OF LAWN, AND EVEN FLOWERS. I LOVE THE OPEN DESERT, BUT THIS TOUCH OF SHADE AND COLOR IS REALLY QUITE A TOUCH.

SISTER IS GOING IN TOWN TO COMMERCIAL SCHOOL. SO FAR WE HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY GETTING SETTLED. NEXT TIME WE WRITE WE HOPE TO TELL YOU MORE ABOUT OUR RIDES INTO THE NEAR MOUNTAINS ON HORSES THAT WE HAVE GROWN TO LOVE.

IF EDUCATION IS TO MOLD THE BODY, MIND, AND SOUL THERE IS NOTHING EXTERNAL HERE TO PREVENT ITS ACHIEVEMENT. OUR CHALLENGE IS PERSONALLY TO PERMIT IT TO BE SO WITHIN OURSELVES AS WELL AS WITHIN THOSE UNDER OUR CARE. WE REJOICE THAT ONE SO FOLLOWED THE TRUE EXAMPLE THAT WE MAY FOLLOW AND LEAD IN HIS WAY AT SPEER RANCH SCHOOL.

E. S. R.

OCTOBER 2, 1939

Dr. Sa'eed

Kurdistani, Tehran

Jan. 8, 1938

Dear Mr. Hutchison:

It was indeed a great happy surprise to see your kind letter of Dec. 8. I thank you and your beloved wife for your loving sympathy.

It was only a few days ago that I was thinking of both of you and your beautiful daughter, whom you did not mention. How I was hoping, when we met last, that the Lord may open the way for you to return to Iran again. I assure you I felt it was unlucky for our youths to be deprived of your gifts, abilities and manliness. I trust He has put you in the right place in your own country. God bless you and your labors of love wherever He pleases to locate you.

Never mind about what happened, I should say, appointed for me, the One whom by grace I have known and learned to love, knows what He is doing. 57 years of walking before Him has well proved to me "His ways drop fatness." No wonder Moses begged "Shew me Thy way." The 99 days of imprisonment has been a time of real blessing to my soul, out of the later collected food and out of the strong sweetness, after all "It is He who makes Heaven Heaven to me" having His company no matter where. It was a question of misunderstanding, gradually it cleared away and Samuel's wise workings became successful. For his sake

and others desired release, otherwise I was truly very happy where I was. The heartfelt sympathy from every class even from Mullah's and Sayied's Kurds Syrians others have been beyond my expectation. I am sure I did not deserve it all. I occasionally am in tears when I think of "the Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief." He went so low - no servant of His ever went as low, even forsaken and denied by His innermost friends, and the bitterest "cup" when He took my place. I being sin, He was made sin for me, and forsaken of God, the righteous God, who hates sin yet loved to save the sinner, and that at such a cost.

Let us hope the last operation for your dear wife has ended every ailment and anxiety. My daughter who is still here came up for an operation (appendicitis). She is well and sound again. Her son Willie, a dear fellow of 17 who goes daily to the College and stays with us, is a great joy to me in my old age (now 74 and 7 mo.) He loves the Lord and means to follow Him.

Yours in the Lord Jesus,

M. Sa'eed

WEST COAST INN

Telephone 5326

On the Water Front

Charles A. Weir

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

February 19, 1938.

Dear Dr. Speer: A long time has elapsed since I last wrote you and you will probably be surprised to hear from me from Florida; so I'll explain how and why we happened to be here. Harriet has been very ill since October 15th (suffers with 10 wks. of fever, and a good circulatory trouble). She lost so much weight and strength and her recovery was so slow that the doctors insisted that I bring her down here for three weeks. I decided to take part of my vacation now and we arrived here about five days ago. Since our coming we have had continuous sunshine until today. The sunshine and warm air have done her much good and she feels better than in some months. I only hope her trouble will not return after we are back home. In Florida I preached just like I was at Birmingham, Ala. as the girl who is very where an daughter Dawn is very happy and is making every one's progress. Your friend Miss Raboteau was back in a visit and we had a nice talk with her. She gave us the interesting news that Foley has been called to the bishopric of the Ethel

Walker School at Finstery. That is a great tribute to her character and leadership

Matters in the Board are in a great upheaval. Perhaps you have heard of it all and may be telling you nothing new. In regard to the Staff, Dr. Egan is working hard to persuade the Board to elect a General Secretary and to call Dr. Faulkes to the job; but so far in vain. He also proposed to the Policy Methods Committee that Dr. Faulkes join up with us in the Home Base Dept. - but that, of course, would only serve to make him General Secretary sooner or later. The names of Miss Evans of Pittsburgh and of Ralph Hutchinson have been suggested for the General Secretaryship.

The Foreign Dept. is in need of some special attention at present. Reber and Sells are carrying 75% of the load. Dr. Wells and Dr. Byrning will have to be replaced within a year and Miss Sheppard's status is uncertain. Sledge Fott's work remains undefined. At present he is serving as Chairman of the Foreign Dept. Council and as Chairman of the Planning Committee (for three months). There is general disappointment over Margaret's decision.

The Home Base Dept is being reorganized. Hall and Full will retire on June 15th. (the Annual Meeting) - the former at 70 and the latter at 65 - and are

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young man will be secured to do the field work of both of them. The Board suggested to Weston Johnson (through Dr. McAfee) that he retire on Aug. 6th next (his 65th birthday). He has been very ill and cannot carry the work. The Board will outdate his financial supplement by one year, as he has been in the service of the Board for nearly 40 years. Weston has taken this action in a beautiful Christian spirit. Dr. Weir has been advised that, if he can get a call to a good church, it will be a good idea for him to accept it. No publicity is to be given to this action until Dr. Weir accepts a call to some pastorate and announces it publicly himself. The Board's action was a great shock to him. Mary Moore is to take Marcia Kerr's place on the Board and Marcia is to assist Herck Young in the new dept. of Missions. Personnel A new man is to come in with me in Promotional work, leading up the field Program. Mary Turner will be assistant to Mack in the Young People's Dept. All of this means that Dr. Jeff got Mack and I shall be the only survivors on the men's side of the Board. Please Jeff.

Reba Dadds is working well, as you

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predicted and every body expects him. There is doing
a fine piece of work in the Treasury. You
may have heard that there is a possibility of
moving the office down to the 2nd and
3rd floors. The House Committee cannot
rent those floors, but if they were not
erected and air-conditioned the board
could use them and the board would
save \$15,000 annually. No final de-
cision has yet been reached.

The Shinto Shrine Question and
Korean matters generally have been
a great strain on Kelly - par-
ticularly because Dr. Erdman has op-
posed the position taken by the Exec-
utive Council and the Foreign Dept. Committee.
At one meeting Dr. Erdman left the
Chair and took the floor for 40 min-
utes in an effort to persuade the
Board to turn down the J.V. Rpt.
Committee. At another meeting, during
the question of withdrawal from the
Chinese Christian College was up for
debate Dr. Erdman sided with
Hedberg & Jordan against
Henderson and Fletcher. But on
the final vote after 2 hours of
debate Mr. Buchanan was the
only Board member who sustained
Dr. Erdman. At that meeting Howard
Widewood made one of the most
logical and persuasive speeches
I have ever heard in my life that
the final outcome will be is a question.
The Contingent Fund has now reached
nearly \$460,000, with money still con-

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ing in. I think it will have reached \$500,000
at the time everything has been received.
Receipts for the regular budget show an
increase of \$30,000 to date, but we
have to receive between \$800,000
and \$900,000 before March 31st.

We've have ranted on and away
have told you nothing new. We all miss
you at "156" and think of you always
with affection. Don't take the trouble
to answer what I have written.

We can't come on March 1st.
Harriet joins me in good wishes for
Mrs. Steer and yourself.

Sincerely yours,
William D. Schell

P.S. I assume that you have heard of the
death of Mrs. Courtney Tenn.

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

HOME BASE DEPARTMENT
WILLIAM P. SCHELL
MISS GERTRUDE SCHULTZ
SECRETARIES

November 17, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

In the thought that perhaps Mr. Ridgway of Coatesville may bother you about the matter, I enclose herewith a peppery, rather unchristian letter written by Mr. Ridgway to Charlie Leber, dated November 10th, protesting against the Board's treatment of Klair Armstrong of Iran and a copy of my reply. Mr. Ridgway may be a fine Sunday school teacher but he is not a very reasonable or sweet Christian. If you have any comments to make or any advice to give me in the thought that he may be sending me some reply, I shall be glad to hear from you.

While I am writing, may I say that when Harriet and I were in Indiana, Pa. we called on Miss Sarah Wherry and had a lovely time with her. She is nearly 90 years old and still strong and vigorous. She inquired particularly for you and Mrs. Speer. On several other trips to Pennsylvania other friends have also inquired for you.

Hoping everything is going well with you and Mrs. Speer and with kindest regards,

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Very sincerely yours,

William P. Schell

CRAIG RIDGWAY & SON COMPANY

Coatesville, Pa.

Nov. 10, 1939

Rev. Charles T. Leber, D. D.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Doctor:

At a Session Meeting the other day it was said that your Board, on the first of January, would turn out Rev. Clair Armstrong, who has served the Board all these years faithfully in Persia, to get along as best he can.

That is to say, if he does not succeed in getting a pastoral or teaching call in the middle of the winter, he nor his wife and children can be expected to eat or keep warm.

In my morning newspaper there is a picture of a horse, with a Salvation Army officer standing at his head. The letter-press accompanying the picture states that this is the last of the Salvation Army horses and he is being turned out to rest in green pastures and by the still waters.

If this information is true in regard to Clair Armstrong, your Board is not giving him as good treatment as the Salvation Army gives a horse.

Sometimes certain Presbyterians I know criticise the Roman Catholic Church pretty severely, but the Roman Catholic Church takes care of its clergy, and especially its missionaries.

While Clair Armstrong's mother is still living and has a little place out in the country from Coatesville, since her husband had no higher position than telegraph operator on the Main Line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, I don't think Mrs. Armstrong could have any more income than just about enough to see her through, by careful economy.

Her other child, a daughter, married a young man and he is only a machinist, who served his time here in our shop, and has a job with the local Public Service Company.

If you don't mind, I would be very glad, indeed, to have the particulars in this matter. I am writing entirely on my own responsibility, and not for the Session of our Church.

Clair Armstrong was a boy in my Iron Rose Bible Class before he went into the ministry and into the missionary work.

If my old friend Robert Speer was on board the ship I would have addressed my letter to him.

If you are not the proper person to whom I should write, will you kindly send this letter to the one who has the matter in charge.

Yours with regards,

(Signed) WILLIAM H. RIDGWAY

November 17, 1939

Mr. William H. Ridgway
Craig Ridgway & Son Company
Coatesville, Pa.

Dear Mr. Ridgway:

As I wrote you the other day, your letter of November 10th, addressed to my colleague, Dr. Leber, in regard to the Foreign Board's action in connection with the Rev. Klair Armstrong, was referred to me for reply. Although as I intimated to you in my other letter, this is a matter which does not come under the Home Base Department of the Board with which I am associated, I am glad, in the absence of Dr. J. Leroy Dodds, the Board's Secretary for Iran, and as an Executive Secretary in the Home Base Department, to give you all of the facts in connection with this case.

Rev. and Mrs. Armstrong, as you perhaps know, came home on a special furlough. A special furlough for Iran being allowed by the Board Manual, namely, a furlough of five months after five years of service. Even before the special furlough the Board took two actions: First in March 1938 when Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were given permission to come home in the autumn of 1938. Second in June 1938 at which time it was evident that they should leave the field even earlier upon recommendation of the medical authority on the field. They were then authorized by Board action to leave July 1, 1938. The Armstrongs therefore left Iran about July 1, arriving in the United States about July 31, 1938. Their Home Salary began August 1, 1938.

The special furlough of five months expired on January 1, 1939, nearly a year ago. As there were some health conditions involved in the situation, the Armstrong's furlough was extended four times, as follows:

1. February 7, 1939 granted extension from Jan. 1, 1939 to April 1, 1939
2. May 15, 1939 granted extension from April 1, 1939 to Aug. 1, 1939
3. July 15, 1939 granted extension from August 1, 1939 to Jan. 1, 1940
(This action granted the continuance of Home Allowances through September 20th, the remainder of the time to be without allowances)
4. October 3, 1939 granted home allowances for the full time up to Jan. 1, 1940 as follows:

"In continuation of Board Action No. 39-387, it was VOTED to extend payment of home and other allowances for Rev. and Mrs. K. L. Armstrong, of the Iran Mission, until January 1st, 1940, or such earlier date as Mr. Armstrong may find remunerative employment, the probability being that they will not be able to return to Iran on account of health and the educational situation there."

So much for the historical facts. If you will read them carefully you will

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note that while they came on a five month's furlough, the Board has carried them on full salary for five months in 1938 and eleven months in 1939 or a total of sixteen months to date, their furlough still continuing on salary until January 1, 1940.

Far from dismissing them and not treating them, to use your own words, "as well as the Salvation Army treats its horses", the Board has given Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong every possible consideration and is continuing to do so. Several members of the Executive Staff of the Board have been working hard to find some remunerative employment for Mr. Armstrong in this country. Only ten days or two weeks ago Mrs. Harvey S. Harbock of Auburn, Kentucky called at my office to ask me to recommend to her a missionary, detained at home on furlough, who might assume the temporary pastorate of her church in Kentucky. I recommended Mr. Armstrong to her and arranged with her to see Mr. Armstrong and talk with him about the matter. We have also recommended him to other churches. Furthermore, he has been in touch with our Board in regard to a possible transfer to South America.

You know, I presume, that in addition to the health consideration, the main condition confronting the Board in regard to returning the Armstrongs to Iran is that because of actions by the Iranian Government, the Board's schools at Tabriz and Rasadan have had to be closed. Altogether, therefore, the Board has been facing a very critical situation.

In closing, may I say that the Board is completely in sympathy with the difficulties confronting Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and is doing everything in its power to cooperate with them.

Very sincerely yours,

W. P. S.

Nov. 20, 1939

P. S. The Board took the following action at its meeting today: "Since the educational situation in Iran has made it impossible for Rev. and Mrs. K. L. Armstrong to return to Iran as planned, and since it may not be possible for Mr. Armstrong to secure permanent employment in America before the expiration of their present furlough on January 1, 1940, the Board VOTED to extend their furlough with all allowances, - if necessary to the end of the present fiscal year, March 31, 1940."

We understand that the Armstrongs are seriously considering the church at Auburn, Kentucky and that Mr. Armstrong is in touch with a mid-western college regarding a teaching position.

W. P. S.

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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 NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Dec. 19, 1939.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
 Chairman, Board of Directors of
 "The Missionary Review of the World",
 Rockledge,
 Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

The Board at its monthly meeting yesterday, Dec. 18, adopted a Minute relative to the "Missionary Review of the World". A copy of the Minute is enclosed herewith. It attempts to express briefly the Board's deep regret that the Directors find it impossible to continue the constructive service which "The Review" has so long rendered and the Board's sense of indebtedness to the Directors for the difficult task which they have faithfully and effectively rendered to the world Christian movement for so many years.

A copy of the Minute is also going to the Editor, Mr. Delavan L. Pierson. The Board requested that I write to him a personal letter expressing in a more intimate way the feelings of the Board; I am doing so today. You have seen in the Executive Council Statement # 3 the section reporting "The Review" matter to all of our Presbyterian missionaries.

No one knows better than I do the fine spirit and earnest effort by which you yourself have contributed so largely to the maintenance of "The Review"; for this numerous people all over the world, many of them unconsciously, are deeply indebted.

It has been difficult to keep this letter in rather a formal strain as from a Secretary of the Board to a Chairman of a Board of Directors !

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



George T. Scott

GTS:w
Encl.

Sheppard, Walter Lee

1500 WALNUT STREET
FOURTEENTH FLOOR
PHILADELPHIA

December 16, 1939.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I appreciate very much your gracious note, which was a bit slow in reaching me under the deliberate procedures of the Post Office as at present administered.

Miss Margaret Sherman has been so charming, and so quick and understanding in acting upon my suggestions, that the slight service I have been able to render her has been a very real pleasure that she is disposed to greatly over-rate.

As a matter of fact, I feel that I should thank you for affording me an opportunity to enjoy one of the privileges of Christian fellowship.

With the warmest regards to Mrs. Speer and yourself.

Most sincerely yours,

Walter E. Sheppard
(7329 McCallum Street)

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.

Rockledge,

Lakewood, Conn.

369½ Main St. Hayward, Calif.

Silsby, Anna M.
- Sept. 12

Sept. 12, 1939.

Dr^o

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Speer, -

I read Dr. Speer's name in my little
Friendship Bode last Sabbath the 10th.
It was a privilege to remember her in prayer
for our Father's blessing, help, and guidance
for such dear friends who have done so
much throughout the world to comfort and
strengthen God's children. So many old friends
are gathering Home.

Dr. Shoemaker recently wrote "There will be a
regular meeting of The Central China Mission
up in France as all these old friends gather in,
one by one." Mrs. Shoemaker, Dr. Crawford &
others among the number who are "forever with the
Lord" in the Home one there.

After Mr. Silsby's sudden-almost-translation-
the enclosed from "The Rest of the Way" was sent to
me. I love to copy it to and friends praying it will
be a blessing to them as it has been and is to me.
W. J. is a Birthday verse for you.

I do miss my dear Companion of half a century,
but I rejoice in his happiness and I do not wish
him back. Looking forward to a happy re-union
with our loved ones and fellow workers of "The
Central China Mission" up in our Father's Home above.

Very gratefully yours - and thanking you
for your kind letter which came after dear
John left me.

(Mrs. J. A.) Anna M. Silsby

THE HUGUENOT MEMORIAL CHURCH
FELHAM MANOR, N. Y.

April 7, 1938

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Am wondering if you could come to us again next season for a Lenten Service. Would you be free Tuesday evening, February 28? If not, would you be free any Tuesday evening of March? The little honorarium would be \$25. We are earnestly hoping we may again have you with us.

Mrs. Soper would join with me in kindest regards to you and to Mrs. Speer.

Cordially yours,

Willard P. Soper

Speers, James M.

609 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

June 1st '38

My dear Robert: It would be worth
all the work I have ever done in
the Layman's Missionary movement,
Board of Foreign Missions, etc, ten times
over to get a letter such as you
sent to me on May 15th through
Morgan Noyes: I was completely
taken by surprise by what Mr. Noyes
did: I supposed I was going to preside
at one of our regular Miss Church
dinners which we have somewhat
regularly: after we had gotten under
way Mr. Noyes said to me he had
an announcement he would like
to make and he proceeded to read
a number of letters and telegrams
which he had gathered: Yours among
them all containing Congratulations
on my reaching the fiftieth ^{anniversary}

anniversary of my installation as an
elder in the Presbyterian Church
to say that I was surprised: Com-
pletely surprised: is to put it mildly:
I had no hint of what was coming:
I was embarrassed too, to be sure, by
much that was said and written
but I would not be honest if I
did not say that I was pleased and
gratified by the kindly expressions
of my friends, even though I know
well that I was not worthy of half
of what was written and said:
you referred to the Laymen's missionary
Movement-days and the Company of
men who used to meet in the interest
of that work, what a privilege it was
for me to be a member of that group!
I agree with you that never was a
finer group than that: yourself,
John Mott, Alfred Marling, Silas
McNee, E. E. Olcott, William Schieffelin
Cam White, Fernal Turner, Colonel
Hartford and the rest: it was

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a grand Company of devoted Christian men: but what a different world we are living in from the world of that day!

I suppose you haven't seen Col. Halford for some time? I went to his funeral: as I stood beside the Casket I could not help standing a minute and holding the dear old man's hand and thinking of those old days: I did not seem to think of his being dead: a man like Col. Halford does not die:

Well I have run this out far too long but I could not help it, with very cordial regards
I am very sincerely yours
Jas. M. Speers

(Stebbins) "Uncle George"

83 HIGH STREET
CATSKILL-ON-HUDSON, N. Y.

Wck. 8/38

Beloved Robert,

About 2 weeks ago I received your book on the life of George Bowen, and of course, knew at once it came from you. I began reading it immediately and found it extremely interesting, and though interrupted by a deluge of cards and letters which has claimed my time to the exclusion of everything else, I have ^{got} to the point of his confession, ~~which~~ ^{and} I am anticipating a feast in reading the rest. Then thus came you loving and heavily

letters of greetings, which, like many
other "valuable" letters, I have received,
has had to wait a chance to see
me them. The thought of you for
forty and more years (?) has al-
ways been a blessing, as you have
been so kind and lovely, no one
has ever been quite so ^{much} to me I
have always felt. I am therefore
grateful to you beyond words to
express it. I am also grateful for
the book which I shall surely
enjoy very greatly.

Several Broadcasting stations
put on the air a program of my
hymns at my birthday, and un-
fortunately for me, I can't

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CATSKILL-ON-HUDSON, N. Y.

The listeners they could write me, and even if they wished to do so, and 1700p did so, or all except what came to me personally, which was a very small part of them, and have spent several days in reading the cards and letters selecting those most interesting to acknowledge, and putting aside the others + there will be, given them, about 200 to answer, enough to keep me busy for some weeks to come.

Among the telegrams that came was one from William Lyon Phelps of Yale very kindly worded. That was followed some days later by a

Very kind and cordial letters, telling
of his attending meetings, con-
ducted by Dr. Peabody in Hart-
ford when he was a boy, which
was 60 years ago now.

A lovely letter has come from
Dr. Brown, one from Dr. Henry
Potts, and one from Dr. Langdale,
Dr. Peabody and others, among
which was one from the President
of the Home Society, signed by
Dr. Hucker and members of the
Executive Committee. All the people
who have sent greetings have done
so out of the kindness of their hearts and

I would be glad to ^{personally} thank them if it
was possible.

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CATSKILL-ON-HUDSON, N. Y.

You have recently returned from
the great work you have given your
strength and thought to ^{during years} and the
record of it is a great one, and you
will have the thought to cheer you
that you have touched the lives
of millions both on the foreign
field and in our own land, which has
been a great ministry, and great
will be your reward.

You have returned to your Lake-
ville home, which may be like
my home here, ^{my} the last station
on my way to the Home beyond

the Sea.

If you and Mrs Spear are
motoring in this community, do
call upon me, my sister, and
our faithful and hearty friend
and Jery of our late days.

Better still, come and spend
a day - and a night with us,
Give my love to Mrs Spear whom
I have not seen in 38 years, and
as always, warmest love to you,

Affectionately your

"Uncle George"

(Stebbins) "Uncle George"

83 HIGH STREET

CATSKILL, N. Y.

January 13/39

Dear Robert.

You did me a kindness indeed when you sent me the splendid article of Dr. Cuyler. In the first place it is extremely interesting reading, for he had a remarkable gift for expressing himself both in preaching and in writing. And in the second place much of what he says applies to me which I hope to keep in mind in the brief time left for me here. Strangely enough, I am reading for the

third time Dr Cuyler's "Recollections
of a Long Life", and find it as interesting
as ever, increasingly so possibly,
for the great and ~~old~~ celebrated
people of whom he writes though
they are like mountain peaks
about the generation around them,
they are fast disappearing in the
mists of the past. A good number
of whom I met on different occasions.
There is much in the Cuyler article
that applies to me. And since I believe
the Lord has enabled me to keep in
mind with my face toward the future,
rather than the past. So in my

later years I take the same in-
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CATSKILL, N. Y.
terest in life and the passing events
of the world as in former years,
and indeed being in excellent health

I feel as well as ever I did, and
am as happy in my household
here as I could wish to be, all of
which means God's graces over
me. With all these blessings I have
plenty of work to do at my desk to
~~keep~~ ^{occupy} my times pretty well occupied.

Of course you are keeping hand at
work and will always ~~with~~ be as
long as your strength will admit
you are needed to keep alive

The spirituality of the Church
and my God's Spirit must open
you wherever He leads you
to awaken His people to their
responsibility in this crisis of its
history.

I am returning Dr. Cyclic's article,
for you to pass on to either or to keep
still in your possession. Do not trouble
to answer this.

Give my love to Mrs. Spurr,
and believe me ever affection-
ally yours
Uncle George

Stevens, Arthur F.

The Abingdon Press



150 Fifth Avenue
New York

March 19, 1938

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville
Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer,

We are glad to enclose check for \$100. as honorarium
in preparation of the Lenten list.

I also want to express the appreciation of the Com-
mittee for the splendid work you did.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Arthur F. Stevens

AFS-D

Dec. 14, 1939

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JOHN TIMOTHY STONE
838 CHALMERS PLACE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Dear Rob:

Thank you for your letter. I ought to be ashamed of myself to dictate to you, but you will understand I am sure. It is marvelous how a man can travel via air today, but it seems necessary, although I have not done much since the little boys came to me. I ought to be a good enough Presbyterian not to let that make any difference.

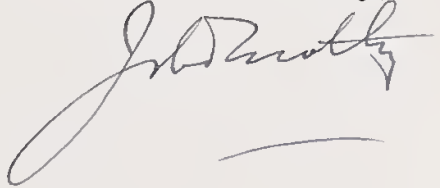
So far as I see you are about as busy as ever, my dear fellow! Marie and I listened in Sunday night and I think you are finer than ever. When I talked to some of my boys on Monday morning I asked them if they heard you, and the reply was "Wasn't he magnificent!" So you see you are growing stronger than ever in this retirement age.

I wish I could have been at Ross Stevenson's memorial service, but we had a representative there. That was a noble tribute to him Sunday night and he deserved it.

JOHN TIMOTHY STONE
858 CHALMERS PLACE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

May this Season be a blessed one for you,
and we join in much love to you and yours.

Ever affectionately,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Timothy Stone". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed text. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

December fourteenth
1939

WILLIAM E. SWEET -- DENVER, COLORADO
November 15, 1939

Mr. J. L. Kraft, Chairman
203 N. Wabash Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Kraft:

I have your letter of October 23d, and note that you expect to organize two dinners in the near future, one in New York and one in Chicago.

All my life I have been interested in religion. This was not strange because I had a most religious and splendid mother. Some years ago I became much more liberal in my conception of what religion means. I have a passionate conviction that a return to "old time religion" will not reach the young people in this modern world. The churches until very recently have done little to prepare young people for leadership in the democratic society in which we live. I mean democratic in the sense that the principles of our government and those of Christianity are practically identical. What we need in religion is action to help cure our social sickness. This requires study and deliberate Christian education of our young people.

It is an imposing array of names that you have brought together under the "Crusade for Christian Education." It will be interesting to know just how far you will get or what unanimity of opinion and action you will be able to inspire in these Christian leaders. I sincerely hope that you will not have organized just another group to be financially supported.

I do not know personally many of the men whose names appear on your letter-head. I know some of them by reputation, and if I am not mistaken they will die in the last ditch over a conservative definition of what constitutes a religion for our day.

You will recall that at first I was not inclined to join this organization but a letter from President Albert W. Palmer made me think that perhaps I should become a member.

Very truly yours,

WES:S

(Signed) William E. Sweet

P. S. I find that I know eight men in your organization committee quite well and I am sending them copies of this letter.
W. E. S.

Taylor, Adrian S.

CLIFTON SPRINGS SANITARIUM AND CLINIC
CLIFTON SPRINGS, N. Y.

August 31, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Doctor Speer:

Your note has given me a great deal of pleasure. My roses are a never ceasing source of delight in spite of the vicissitudes of an unfavorable environment. I believe that you have a better climate for them in the moister region near the coast. The plants which we sent you were not in first-class condition and I am gratified to hear that they have given such good results.

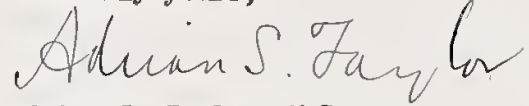
Last year our gardener, Mr. Crawford, and I budded a few dozen from the best specimens that we have, and it will give us both a great deal of pleasure to send you enough to fill up the vacant places in your bed. They should be planted about the middle of October, early enough before the winter weather sets in to become established in the ground. We will be glad to prune them according to the rules. If you will plant them with the bud level with the ground and tramp the roots well in, and cover the crowns with a hill of soil eight or ten inches high as soon as the ground freezes, I am sure that you will get the best results. Fall planting with winter protection is by far the best. Our friends, the Jackson and Perkins Company in Newark, are the largest rose growers in the world. Their retail prices are pretty high, however. I am in a position to buy from them wholesale, but as a matter of fact because of certain mutual relationships they have been furnishing us with all the plants that we could use in our own gardens free of charge, and I believe it is their purpose to ask us to plant out a large exhibition bed for them this fall. If we do this we will have available a good many of the plants which are now growing in our garden. While these are not as good as first year newly budded ones, they are far too good to throw away. We are putting on our calendar a reminder to see that a shipment goes to you about October 15th. Let us know in the mean time just how many plants you can use.

The Sanitarium had an excellent summer. The morale of the place is better. Since the war scare, however, there has been a tremendous drop in our house count and all of us are getting anxious again. It seems to be more than we can expect to have a very long period free from potential worries or one kind or another, but we try to remember how much

Dr. Robert E. Speer (8-31-39)

better off we are than most of the other people in
the world.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adrian S. Taylor". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Adrian S. Taylor, M.D.

AST/k

Taylor, Nelly Frances

R. E. Speer

SEP 8 - 1937

110 Tamarack St
Liverpool
N.Y.

Ans.

Ms Sept 12th 1937

Rev. Dr Robert Speer.
New York City
N.Y.

Dear Dr Speer-

Mr Taylor is minister here at Liverpool. and Dr Fulton introduced me to you at the Lenten services last Spring and I told you I wanted to write to you. - I have hesitated - for fear of bothering you but it stays on my mind so that I will now do so and be rid of it. Mr Taylor helped at Gen Assembly. and Rev John N. Steele is one of our clearest friends - He also was Moderator of Pres. one year. Church here has now attending 200 average. 139. Sunday school. I am telling you these things so you will know we are quiet same in our work. now for my letter - we have two children grown and married - boy and girl. 3 yrs ago last Dec. friends asked us to

take a little Baby boy. we never
know - the parents but were con-
vinced that they were unusual
People. married or not we do not
know. only know they were deeply
religious and no one to take the
Baby. no known relatives - He was
two weeks old when we took him
Home from the Hospital weighed 6 lbs
The only clue to a name on his
record was Spear. his Mother before
she died thro our friends gave
him out right to us. when I took
him in the House I dedicated his
little body and life to God. strange
enough. there has been 3 different
Missionaries at our Home and each
one has laid their hands on his
head and prayed that he be set
aside for Gods work. our stepfather
was very ill in our Home when
I brought him Home and as he
was Catholic the Priest visited him
he went over to the Babies basket
and laid his hand on his head
and gave him the special blessing
they give.

He is a beautiful child and
unusually bright you would rejoice
to hear him preach. it seemed to
be born in him

and sing. Roll away. every burden
of my heart rolled away.
all my sins had to go
neath the crimson flow.

This is my dream Or spear. that I may
raise him for the Lord. I have know
you for many years I was Catholic &
found my Lord. and went into service
for him your life sermons and
writings have done much to keep me

Would it be asking to much for you
to write a letter. that little Bobby
could have when he was 18 or
twenty as your little name sake
one that might help him to make
a choice in life. I am keeping
some of your books and writings
for him and some where back
there in the years. there may be
ancestors of that name he may
copy. strangely enough he has the
same Peculiar lines to his eyes
that you have. and the same chin
any way it is a great comfort to
me to feel he may be like you
in spirit and faith. The dear
little man. he will be so alone
when we are dead and gone for we
havent. much of the world goods
to bestow. we have just legally

Adopted him so he will have
a name at least untill he claims
his own

Dear Dr Speer. If this seems
foolish to you just ignore it
if not and you write to Bobby
I will keep it in trust for him

When you read this will you take
one moment and pray for him I
will covet the hope for it - just
that he will be used of the Lord.

Thank you so much Dr Speer
for your life - your faith - and
the steadfast hope you have
given to many.

Your faith has been a great
streight to many who believe

May the dear Lord Bless you
and keep you and be gracious
unto you - May His face be ever
turned toward you. So shall there
be light

Most sincerely

Kelly Frances Taylor

(Mrs R.J.)

Thomas, Nelson E.
7801 Berner Avenue,
Birmingham, Ala.,

July 4, 1938

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer:

May I ask you a
question about religion?

When I was a
boy, already a church
member, the question
came, if we are not

many things have brought the question back from a different point of view. If God does not restore our sick bodies when we ask Him, how can we be sure He saves our sick souls?

At Mother's death prayers were of no avail. The church prayed for the mother of ten children, yet, she died in a hospital. The church

able to perform miracles how do we know we are saved? I noticed, however, that Jesus told his disciples that their names were written in Heaven, and after that they failed to cure the demoniac at the foot of the mount of Transfiguration. This seemed, for a while to be answer enough. However,

prayed for the child
of one of our members.
There was no result.

my Child, then about
eleven years old took
us with her, expecting
to restore a woman
who was bed-ridden.
There was no result.

I was impressed with
the fact that while
the earthly parents
went out of their
way to avoid hurt-
ing the Child's
faith, the Heavenly Father
did not seem to bother

about the danger⁵ to
her faith.

The answers usually
given emphasize the
difficulty.

(I) "We do not have faith
enough." If you will
agree with me that
there is no physical
miracle recorded out-
side of the Bible upon
which the Christian
church would be agreed
that it was a miracle
in the sense of the

in order to be saved⁷
as to try to be saved by
faith.

II Another answer. "I do
not think miracles are
necessary." This con-
tradicts Jesus, who
said, "Except ye see
signs and miracles
ye will not believe."

However reluctantly
Jesus may have made
that statement the
fact that he performed
miracles and the

miracles of Christ's⁶
day, then the natural
reflection is that faith
is so difficult that man
has not risen to the
standard since Bible
times. If that much
faith is needed for
salvation + and that
it merely another
miracle if it is
genuine, we would
seem to be just as
well off trying to
lead perfect lives

necessity that evidence precede belief supports the statement in the sense in which I quote it. Further, what does prayer mean after one has made that statement + merely noble wishes psychologically helpful but no more than any other wish. This answer immediately cuts the cord of prayer and the minister who gave me this answer says that prayer

is communion with God and not asking for things but the Lord's own example of prayer is practically all asking for things.

Another answer shows the desperate efforts made to disregard facts. God answers some prayers with a "no!" Have all God's answers been "no" for nineteen hundred years? + at least,

greater. "If physical miracles are not performed according to the many promises of the scripture, how can we know that the Bible is divine instead of being merely the best of many hints the thoughtful man has that life is serious?"

I do not see how we can claim that the

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for physical matters?

At this point many teachers would say, we must distinguish physical from spiritual answers to prayer, but Jesus, "If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? + reasoning from the less to the

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Christian religion
is a particular divine
revelation merely
because it is the best
religion.

Of course, the same
temptation has come
to you. How have you
answered it?

Christ says, "If
any man will do His
will he shall know of
the doctrine." This is a
good test for the
moral doctrine of

Christ, but when it comes to applying it to the promises of Jesus, it is the very thing that seems to show that the promises are utterly untrue.

I have prayed about the matter but my prayers for this that is spiritual seem to be on a par

with my prayers for physical help.

Of course, there is still the possibility of taking the so-called liberal view of religion, but this does not regard Christ as divine, the very thing Christ seems to insist on most of all.

Respectfully,
Nelson O. Thomas.

Brown the top of the wood frame

Handwritten the inner part

Canon the Father

Canon Canon to the right

Perhaps the same person

Canon Canon to the right

TELEPHONE
MOHAWK 4-3044

JOHN R. TODD
420 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

CABLE
TODROBENG

30 Rockefeller Plaza
January 10, 1938

My dear Bobbie:

About your addresses. They interest me. They "sell" me, both on you and on the cause. What a life! Maybe just where you best belong.

However, they mark a great capacity and understanding. I wonder. Supposing you had spent ten years as you did, left others to carry on, and turned from world to national service? Not as rich, not as broad, not as satisfying maybe in many ways, and yet again, I wonder -- wonder whether the nation has not needed and does not need you?

You are young. Christian service is in every walk of life. This nation of ours is in a jam. You can take time now.

I wish I had known you better all these years. You are a great writer. James has nothing on you. You are a most convincing speaker. A cultivated Al Smith with fully as much power. And if your thinking on statesmanship

is as good as it is on world evangelism, there is no telling how far you might have gone. That may have been your field.

Won't you take time to write me on how this nation must proceed, and what should be our objectives at this trying time?

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Louis R. Casey". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

The Very Rev. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Re: Trumbull, Dr. RECEIVED

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4103 WALNUT STREET. MR. SPIER.

Dec. 7 1903

Dear Mr. Spier,

Dr. Trumbull had a stroke of apoplexy this afternoon & lost all consciousness & speech after 30 of

The doctors hold out no hope for his recovery.

Knowing of his great affection for you & yours for him, I

Send you this loved
line. He enjoyed your
visit so much.

Yours Sincerely

Wm. Spaulding
Robert C. Spaulding
Our love to all
your dear household.

Vail, Wm. H.

WM. H. VAIL, A. M., M. D.
141 SECOND AVENUE
NEWARK, N. J.

Ans

Feb. 26, 1938.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn..

Dear Dr. Speer.

By this same mail, I am starting for you, two articles. One is a pamphlet which will tell you about my latest Hobby, the Memorial Tea Bells, and the other is one of the Bells, for I thought that possibly in your quiet little place you might not have the modern accessories, and that the tea bell might fill the bill.

I am glad to hear that you are so happily situated, and it must be a great pleasure to be rid of the turmoil of the city life, and, no doubt you will find that the good Lord has saved the best wine till the last, and again I feel very sure that it is unfermented, the pure juice of the vine, pressed down and flowing over, with peace, grace, and love, the best being the LOVE.

Some time I wish that you might get out here to see our little home, and have a good talk over the situation.

You will find the poem "The Tide is Coming In." No doubt you have seen it. I only hope it is true.

This is no studied letter, but only a line to introduce the articles sent you today.

Trusting they reach you all right, I am,
Yours sincerely,

W. H. Vail

Vance, Joseph A.



First Presbyterian Church
Woodward Avenue and Edmund Place
Detroit, Michigan

Dec. 2, 1939

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D. D.
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Robert:

I want you to know how deeply I appreciate your note of Nov. 28. It is exactly how I feel in the whole matter expressed in your own fine way. Jim and I have had a wonderful life together, sharing very intimately all of our hopes and experiences, and his life has been full of inspiration for me. I shall miss him terribly, but not for long, as my day is reaching its eventide.

I prize your friendship and your sympathy is very precious.

Yours devotedly and gratefully,

Joseph A. Vance

Vardell, C.G.

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Rev. Robert E. Speers, D. D.
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Speer:

I have been thinking and also meditating, and as I look back over my what is getting to be long life, of somewhat careful observation, I am reaching the conclusion that there is a very serious lack in our Seminary preparation, and this lack is the appreciation of the necessity of pastoral work.

There is a certain pleasure in the framing up and delivering a sermon, and I believe the Devil ruins quite a few ministers by enticing them into a certain selfish delight in the production of a finished literary effort.

Last year I conducted an investigation among these young women at Flora Macdonald College, asking them if any ministers had ever talked to them personally and prayed with them, touching giving their souls to Christ, and I have yet to find one. I mentioned this fact to quite a distinguished and eloquent D. D. of our church, and he was quite indignant with me and made this, to me, most remarkable statement:- "That is the business of the Sunday School teachers, and with this I had nothing to do".

I am writing this to you, wondering if my conclusion that the ministry is failing in this respect is wrong. I know the men at the

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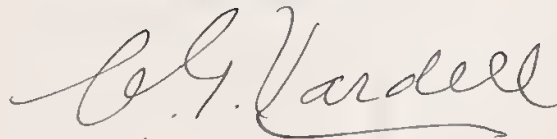
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Seminary, and as I look back now it was the intellectual bunch in the class that used to listen to old man "Billy" Paxton and his at times rambling sort of talks and make fun of him, but I tell you just now that old man Billy gave me more to work on than Dr. Davis and his Hebrew.

I am glad to know that your bow abides in its strength. I thank God for you and the great work He has enabled you to do.

With every good wish, I am

Yours most truly,



CGV:NB

Vester, Bertha Spafford

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MRS. G. ERIC MATSON
TREASURER
P.O. BOX 19, JERUSALEM

28th August, 1939.

Dear Dr. Speer,

I have just received the list of doners from Mrs. Frederick Longfellow, treasurer in New York, for the year 1938 to the end of May 1939, and I want to send a personal note of thanks to you for your kind donation.

Arab rebellion has started afresh because the British "White Paper" seems to have been scrapped by the Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations as being incompatible with the conditions of the Mandate. This country is too small to hold two diametrically opposed National Homes comfortably. Unless it becomes a British Colony, the peace of dear Palestine has gone forever. It is being swamped at present with Jewish illegal immigrants, which will raise a new problem.

We are weary of this controversy. Dealing as we do, with the consequences of murder, pillage, brigandage and insurrection for over three long years, our nerves are rather frayed. I assure you, it is the knowledge that you enable us to "carry on" this relief work, that makes our life here at all bearable.

With our gratitude and kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Bertha Spafford Vester.

*Please give my love to
Mrs. Speer.*

*The news from Europe overshadows all else now.
Is it possible that the world is to be set aflame again?
Pray for us that we may be given courage to face the
awful situation. We will be in the midst of it, as we were before.*

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MRS. G. ERIC MATSON
TREASURER
P.O. BOX 19, JERUSALEM

8th June, 1939.

Dear Friend,

It always seems such a pity that this work we are conducting in the old city of Jerusalem should continually be on the brink of calamity, because of lack of funds. Never have I been able to look ahead and say I have my budget covered. Sometimes my bank account has held £10. but we have never gone into debt. We have a finance committee, but it seldom meets, because it is composed of sound business men, and sound business men do not consider it wise or feasible or businesslike to plan ahead without knowing how to meet the bills.

This work has succeeded through prayer. For years I have thought about what I am going to ask you today, and I have spent many hours in prayer about it.

Is it too much to ask that you set aside one collection, or part of a collection taken up at Christmas time or during Holy week for the children of the Holy City?

Surely the idea ought to appeal to everyone. Little children here are actually starving and we are fully equipped to look after them, if we could be assisted. Won't you consider this appeal coming through me, but really from the little ones Jesus called to Himself. Don't send them away as the diciples wanted to do.

Yours in hope and confidence,

Bertha Spafford Vester.

Our annual budget is as follows:-

Anna Spafford Baby (Nursing) Home, (35 beds)	\$8450.
Playground (annual attendance about 47,000)	
Kindergarten (35 tiny tots)) 1460.
Industrial work	980.
Infant Welfare Centre	3890.
Social Service	650.
General Account	1220.
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Total	\$16650.

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MRS. G. ERIC MATSON
TREASURER
P.O. BOX 19, JERUSALEM

10th June, 1939.

Dear Dr. Speer,

As you can imagine the need of this land for just such help as we are giving, has not only doubled, ^{but} has increased ten fold.

We have been kept so busy, that I hardly know how we have got through these trying years so well. ^{and} We sent out an appeal and our friends have responded as they were able to. Never-the-less we are never free from that gnawing anxiety of providing the funds to pay the bills. I am enclosing a letter that I am sending to all the clergymen, ministers and Pastors in our acquaintance (about 80 in number). Some of them may be able to help, but I imagine the majority will reply that their church is carrying responsibility to the limit of their capacity. One Church in Pittsburgh already sends half their Good Friday collection, which amounts to about \$25 or 30 a year.

Year by year our work becomes more important and is acknowledged by the Government. Our experiences during the last two years have been extraordinary. The appreciation of the poor people for the work we are doing is amazing. For instance when the Rebels held the old city, they cut all the telephone wires except the one connecting the Anna Spafford Baby Home, so we were able to know how they were faring all the time. When we could get no milk into the old city for our babies, a stranger (a Rebel) came to me and told me where and how to get milk inside the city. They came to the matron and told her that she and the staff had nothing to fear, because they would protect them with their lives, (one of the nurses is a Jewess, and they know it).

We must not let this beautiful structure that has been built up during so many years of labor languish for want of financial nourishment; must we? But some sort of consorted drive for funds will have to be made to ensure the life of

No I will: this bomb has exploded. Spafford's bomb was placed in the new post office. A British public servant was blown to pieces. Many people injured. These special bombs are the work of Jews, with an eye for the white people.

10th June, 1939.

this work. It should be inter-denominational; because it would lose its character if it represented only one side of Christian life.

Our two daughters Louise and Frieda, both fully qualified for the work are conducting all the activities. That means they are the third generation in this work. Louise is secretary, Frieda, trained in the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in New York City, is in charge of the Baby (Nursing) Home and Infant Welfare Centre.

Can you suggest some idea or plan to create permanent interest in our work. Could an inter-denominational committee be appointed to go into this. It would not have to meet. It could be done by correspondence, I should think.

I am writing the same letter to Dr. Fosdick, Dr. Diffendorfer, Dr. Mott, and Dr. Eddy. Could you consult these men and suggest some plan to either Mrs. Frederick Longfellow or to me.

You know of course, that my husband was very ill two years ago and is still in delicate health, and on that account it is hard for me to leave him at present. If my presence was necessary, however, I would go. It is his heart, and although I left him last year and went for a trip to America, it is more difficult to leave him this year, for he is less robust.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Speer.

Yours sincerely,

Bertha Spafford Ester.

Voorhees, Stephen

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MRS. LEWIS JOSSELYN YOUNG

33 SUMMIT ROAD, NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

September 25 1939

Dear Dr. Spear:

No 34 Mrs. Harvey Edward
Friel, Hotel Madison, Madison ⁷⁴ Vt. will
celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on
October 1st. I am calling this to your attention
thinking you might wish to extend congratulations
on this rare event. When they were living
at the Dakota, you were in Princeton, and
they had been married only a few years.

The above address is that
of my youngest daughter. We come here
for a visit in the Spring, and Fall of
each year. We expect to return to our home
943 Madison Ave. Randolph Vt. about Oct.
3rd.

Cordially yours

Stephen D. Voorhees

Dr. Robert E. Spear

my

Waddell, Laura A.C.

Apr. 10, 1939

Dear Dr. Speer

Your two letters arrived not very far apart and were both of great comfort to me. Will was already where earth's sorrows and pain could no longer reach him but I was sorry he was out of reach also of the pleasure your words of appreciation would have given him, he was always so very fond of you.

However there his cup of joy is full whatever it missed here.

The way ahead is lonely, yes, but, as some
one wrote me, when separation comes so late in
life - he, ^{will,} was almost an octave further on than you -
the reunion can't be so very far away, and
that is a happy thought.

I thank you for myself and in behalf
of the children for your words of sympathy
and prayer for us.

Very sincerely

Laura A. C. Waddell

Fifth of April, 1939

Wanless, Lillian

(new address).

701 Palm Drive,
Glendale, Calif.

August 2, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I trust you are having a restful summer. I do not wish to trouble you but I write concerning the writing of a biography of Sir William. I am now seriously considering the matter of getting one written this winter. I am expecting to come to New York this fall to spend several months and I have a wealth of material (a trunkful) to bring along.

Sir William was very systematic and methodical and kept records of everything including his furloughs. You may recall that I once wrote you asking for some information concerning his work on his first furlough for the Student Volunteer Movement. The reason for that was that I was in Toronto at the time and did not have the information at hand for the one who wanted it. But I have here full details of that furlough, the number of churches and colleges visited, names of interested students and even clippings of addresses.

So throughout the years, I kept records of everything, even cards of outlines of his talks given in India. His marked up Bibles are a revelation of his

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study of God's word. After my marriage, I kept a scrap-book with everything of interest and all his letters to Bryn Mawr church, etc.

What I have in mind, is a book showing Sir William as a Christian and a missionary with no detailed account of his medical work, but just enough to show how God can use a wholly-consecrated and spirit-filled life.

Sir William never boasted of the work of his hands but gave all the honor and glory to God for anything accomplished. An account of what God was able to do through him ought to make an inspirational book for young people. Whether the book is full or brief does not matter to me and I have no desire for personal gain.

I write to ask if it would be possible for you to undertake the work and get a publisher who would give you the royalties. Perhaps I should offer to help in expense of preparing the manuscript. My only requirement would be that I be permitted to peruse the script for errors or alterations, if need be, before publication.

I am not familiar with the procedure of publishing a book or the requirements of an author, so I hope you will pardon me, and I shall hope for a frank and candid opinion and even advice in reply.

Yours very sincerely,

Lillian Wambles.

Webster, Norman C.

KANSAS STATE COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SPEAKING
MANHATTAN, KANSAS
July 8, 1938

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville,
Connecticut.

*Technique to J
Speaker as not after*

Dear Sir:

This communication is a request for help and advice concerning research in the field of public speaking.

At the present time I am an instructor in the Department of Public Speaking, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas. My teaching duties, plus my work along the line of the requirements of the advanced degree toward which I am working, have lead me into a peculiar line of research in the public speaking field and I am make free to contact you on this ovvasion for two reasons. First, because the information I am seeking can only be gathered in this direct manner and second, you represent that cross-section that will make my findings worth while.

Briefly, the project on which I am seeking help is this: "SPECIFIC SPEAKER TECHNIQUES FOR SECURING AND HOLDING AUDIENCE ATTENTION". Much has been written in the public speaking field concerning Speech Preparation, Effective Speaking, Preparing With The Audience In Mind, etc., but, to my knowledge, nothing is available on actual, workable contact methods.

I dare impose upon you to this extent: Will you send to me, as briefly as you wish to make it, an answer to each of the two following questions?

I. What specific technique or techniques for securing and holding audience attention do you employ as far as speech content is concerned?

II. What specific technique or techniques for securing and holding audience attention do you employ as far as method of delivery is concerned?

Please believe that your answers to these questions will be not only of great interest and value to me but will also be a worth while addition to the limited reference facilities in the speech field.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman C. Webster

Norman C. Webster
Kansas State College,
Manhattan, Kansas

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November 23, 1938

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for your nice card of November 21st. I referred in a previous note to the letter I had received from Mrs. LaFarge, the niece of Henry Adams, whose husband died recently. I had sent her a letter and a copy of the book about my brother, Jimmy. I was interested that she picked out especially the quotation from Owen Crimmins, and I thought possibly you might like to have a copy of her letter. Mrs. La Farge is a Catholic, but love of fishing and of fishermen and of the crystal streams in Paradise stretch out beyond ecclesiastical boundaries. I hope sometime I can meet her and I know she would like to meet you.

Affectionately yours,



W. Reginald Wheeler

WRW/EC
Copy of letter enclosed.

C O P Y

Mount Carmel, Connecticut.

October 27, 1938

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I am very deeply touched by your kind letter and understanding of my loss. Perhaps your book shows above all your sympathy. I am reading it with the greatest interest and delight and consider it a vivid memorial.

That your brother was an ardent fisherman like my husband pleases me especially, and helps me relive and perhaps even to understand better what an instinctive absorption it was for him. That quotation "Asher" on page 203 "But the memories will never go. Them and the friendships enshrined in them, one keeps forever, to renew in the good fishing country in Paradise, where the rivers of water run clear as crystal" might have been my husband's own words, - about an old fisherman friend of his boyhood. His last months were so beautiful and his words of the last days so thrilling that only of late have I turned to confront the void. I wrote down a little day to day account of them. I couldn't yet write more, but perhaps some day I shall, and your book will encourage me.

Yes, I hope we shall meet some day. Don't forget if you are ever at New Haven to call me up. My telephone is in the book.

Ever sincerely,

Mabel La Farge


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September 7, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer
 "Rockledge"
 Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

One of the happiest experiences of the summer was that of being with you at San Anselmo, of listening to your stimulating and enriching lectures, and of renewing the fellowship of our days together at "156".

We had a meeting of the Home Base staff and several Board members at a conference yesterday at the Parkside, and I told them something of my impressions of the Church received on this trip, and of your lectures and of the warm and cordial attitude of the Californians toward the foreign mission cause. I thought you might be interested in a report of one of my students in the course on foreign missions which I taught at the Presbyterian Training Conference, particularly in his comment on the book - "The Light of the World".

My father in his early years in the Pennsylvania woods often ran the lines for the various timber sections, and he told me later that one of the great satisfactions of that experience was to go back later and find that the other surveyors had followed his original lines which had been run accurately and without deviation from the true boundary of the various lots concerned. In gathering material for this course on missions in which I tried to link up the living work of our own Church with the more general and abstract principles formulated at the Madras Conference, I was impressed by the accuracy and validity of the positions you had taken in earlier writings and addresses on the principles and aims and objectives of the foreign mission work. I do not think the changes in world conditions have altered the aim of foreign missions as you stated it as far back as the time of the writing of your book - "Missionary Principles and Practice", or as that aim was stated in Dr. Brown's book - "The Foreign Missionary", and as it was stated at the Princeton Conference in 1920 which was really merely a development of the earlier statements by you and Dr. Brown. I am going to try to press for more use of the available books and literature on the work of our own missionaries with the biographies that are available and should be more widely known by the Church. Union and interdenominational work are of true and wide value but I think the Church ought not to overlook the work its own representatives have done and are doing, and your own books have gathered up much of the rich material that is available in this field.

I hope you had a good flight back east. Sandy secured his solo license and has done some flying since then but not nearly as much as he would have liked to have done. I told him I would pay for his lessons until he secured his own solo permit and then he would have to earn the money for further flights. As you doubtless know, a student pilot after soloing has to accumulate thirty-five hours of flight under supervision, that is, within the view of the licensed

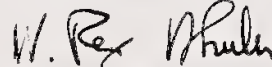
instructor, and this is the time that Sandy is trying to build up now and for which he is trying to earn money. He was the youngest one to solo among the students at Nantucket, and I think it will be better for him to wait until next year when he is eighteen to finish up his thirty-five hours of instruction. The last time up with the pilot, they did loops and snap-rolls and flew upside down. Sandy flew the plane on the last two loops and was keen about the whole experience. Like many boys who are starting to fly, he would like to get into the battle abroad.

We are planning, as wisely as we can, for the sailings of the missionaries in the war zones. I was in Europe August 1, 1914, and it seems tragic and futile that twenty-five years later when my oldest son is about the same age I was when the other war broke out, that the world should have to go through the same experience. Perhaps when this war ends the nations will be so disgusted, a true world community and association will emerge.

You must be concerned about Patty and the children. Have you received word as to their plans?

With love to Mrs. Speer and yourself, I am

Affectionately yours,



W. Reginald Wheeler

WRW/EC
Enclosure

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November 28, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I have just been reading Dr. Coan's autobiography—
YESTERDAYS IN PERSIA AND KURDISTAN, and have enjoyed it im-
mensely. He tells a good story but he has lived a good and
brave life, and it is fine to have such an addition to our
missionary shelf of biography and autobiography.

Your Foreword started the book well. I remember
sitting in the rather dingy lobby of the La Salle Hotel in
Chicago a dozen years ago and listening to Dr. Coan tell some
of his adventures. I urged him then to put the story in
written form and I am glad you have helped him accomplish this.

You know what biography or autobiography I most
long to add to the missionary shelf, and I am still hoping
that the irresistible and inescapable forces of predestination
will do what I have not personally been able to do.

Affectionately yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler
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December 5, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

A week ago Sunday I was speaking in the Bradford, Penn'a church and I had a very happy experience concerning which I wish to write to you.

There were several people in the audience who had known my father, and after the meeting they spoke to me about him. Perhaps their thought of him at that time had some part in what happened. In any case, when I came out on the platform by the pulpit at the beginning of the service I had a distinct and vivid impression of the presence of my father standing near. The impression was so real that it seemed I could reach out and touch him. My father wanted to be a minister and tried to study for that profession when he was a young man, but was told that he had tuberculosis and that he must give up his study and go to the woods, whereupon he took up the lumber business in Pennsylvania, following in the steps of his father and grandfather. I know that he was happy to have me go into the ministry, and I cannot help believing that that morning at the beginning of the service in this Pennsylvania town, not far from his old home, the impulse came to him in the other world to draw near and to join in the service with some of his old friends. Anyhow it was very real and it was a comfort to have the sense of his nearness and of his wisdom, integrity, kindness and strength.

I remember you wrote to me when I was in China of similar experiences in church with Elliott, and I wanted to write you of this episode.

Dr. Hu Shih is scheduled to speak this Friday evening at a dinner under the auspices of the China Medical Aid. I wish that you could be here for the dinner. We will be glad to have you stay in our apartment whenever you need a home in New York.

I am scheduled to go west about the middle of January for another trip to be gone until about the first of March.

With love to Mrs. Speer and to you, I am

Affectionately yours,

W. R. W.

W. Reginald Wheeler

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Wheeler, W. Reginald

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December 11, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you for your good note of December 7th and for the enclosed check of \$1.00 for the FOREIGN AFFAIRS BULLETIN for Miss Louise Philips, 3729 Woodland, Kansas City, Missouri, and Rev. Layton Manzé, Central Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

I was distressed to hear of your being knocked down during your address at Dr. Stevenson's memorial service, but I admired your grit in returning to the ring and not being counted out. Mrs. Fleming told Connie and me yesterday of the interesting gathering in Englewood the other evening of the former members of the Englewood Shakespeare Club with Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh as guests.

I have noted your clear and concise statements in regard to biography, memorial service et al. This summary of viewpoint and the eulogy are classic and deserve to be preserved as models in their respective categories.

I hope you had a good aerial trip to Chicago. I will be on the Pacific Coast again this winter for six weeks. Norman Taylor, of our Mexico Mission, with eighteen months' experience in the Royal Flying Corps in the first European war, will be with me part of the time and I think we will spend some time in the air together. I wish you could come along.

Last week I called on Mr. Livingston Moore. He spoke so warmly and highly of you.

With love and best wishes to you and Mrs. Speer,

I am

Affectionately yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler

W. Reginald Wheeler

WRW/EC

Dr. Speer

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P.S. Admiral Yarnell is to be the guest of honor at the dinner Friday evening in this city. The dinner will be at the Roosevelt Hotel at 7:30 p.m.

I am enclosing a clipping from the current READERS' DIGEST which would have fitted in well with your sermon at the First Church on September 10th of this year.

W.R.W.

Enclosure

P.S. Did you see the inscription on the tombstone of an ancestor of Dr. Scudder of India included in Dr. Scudder's recent biography published by Revell? I think it deserves a place alongside the epitaph you quoted:

"Hannah, daughter of Colonel and Sarah Scudder of Princeton, New Jersey, wife of Rev. Ely L. Cooly. Died April 6, 1817, aged 29. Whom it were unpardonable to lay down in silence And of whom it is difficult to speak with justice. For her true character would seem like flattery and The least abatement of it is an injury to her memory."

W. R. W.

Wherry, Sarah M.
337 N. 9th St
Indiana Pa
Dec 8, 1899

Dear Mr Speer.

I wonder if you realize how much a letter like the one I rec'd from you means to a person like me.

and I certainly am thankful for the way God has led me.

I think sometimes

that if I could spend
another term in India
how much better I could
do things. at least I would
not do some things as I did.
I am thankful for the
health and strength I have
and do enjoy. so that I am
still able to do some thing
to help others.

Thank you for your
letter. I am constantly hearing
of you still going strong
working for the Kingdom
May you be spared for years
yet. Yours very sincerely
and with best wishes for
the Christmas and coming
New Year. Sarah M. Wherry.

My birth day is
the 23rd.

My Dear Friend.

I appreciate your interesting letter for you are a busy man. I am going to memorize Job. 23. 12. After I have read me some references that I may use - for I will memorize them.

See Mr. Darlin how a wonderful sermon today left "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it."

He applied it to churchmen today. Live it and impart it to others. I think of this verse "Set the redeemed of the Lord say so."

The Lord say so. Our dear Mr. Gurry passed away at 87 yrs - and buried from the church he loved and served 29 active years and 7 honorary. Now I loved him and will substitute said all his letters as I wrote him then.

I hope you and yours have a
pleasant Xmas -
I want to give you some of my
life - "What shall I render
unto the Lord for all His benefits?"
My life - you pray that God
may use me
Give my love to your sweet wife.
I am remembering the 17th of John
your Christ's prayer for us -
how only 4 were to leave
behind you and Mary and
with God's help I hope to get
them - the whole book of John
for the year
Lamentable 4 3. 1.
Lovingly yours J. White.

Mrs. Hawley
1204 Homer St
Memphis

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WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE CHAIRMAN NON PARTISAN
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TELEPHONE No.
TO
FROM
WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE
OLIVER

Withers, Rose Mae

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11 January 1938

Dr. Robert E. Speer
First Presbyterian Church
305 E. Main Street
Durham, North Carolina

My dear Dr. Speer:

The significance of your work with the Student Volunteer Movement and the inspiration which you have brought to its members and students in general compelled me to request permission to hear you Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church.

Your powerful message was most comforting, yet challenging -- surely the thing we needed when the changes are so obvious. Would so much that I could join in a private conference with you to secure your thinking on one or two of the major things which are of acute concern on the religious horizon.

After service I wanted to come to the altar to speak to you. Nevertheless, I am happy that mine was the privilege of sharing in and receiving from the strength of your wisdom.

I am a young Negro woman who was most recently connected with the Student Volunteer Movement at Gammon Theological Seminary where I took Religious Education; simultaneously I finished at the Atlanta School of Social Work. It is that interest that has given me employment in Durham where I am Child Welfare Worker.

With not only Negro youth, but young people everywhere, I join in petitioning the Divine that your service may continue and may His benediction be with you.

Very sincerely and respectfully yours,


(Miss) Rose Mae Withers

1608 Fayetteville St.
c/o Shepard

35 East 37th St. Wood, Mary
January 22nd —

Dear Mr. Spier:—

Your note of sympathy comforted me, and will be kept for re-reading.

Dr. Wood's failure had been gradual, but we both knew that the shadows had begun to fall. He never voiced this knowledge—speech is not necessary after more than forty years of close companionship. We just grew nearer together; and when the end came before the stage of suffering had been reached, I was both glad and Thankful.

He went so quickly that there was no part-
ing—we were spared that. Besides, we had
already said everything to each other.

"Life is ever lord of death,
and love can never lose its own."

Very sincerely yours,

Mary W. Hood—

Wood, 4th Ned
Eastw. Day. 4/9. '39

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GERMANTOWN
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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Dear Mr. Speer:

It has been so long
a time since I have had the
privilege of contact with you
that I am making an excuse
to write ^{i.e.} inquiring to know
something about Dr. Walter
H. Judd, a missionary from
China of whom I am sure
you may be able to tell me
a little something, for a
large Mtg. in our Academy
of Music is being arranged
for 4/17 at wh. he is to speak.

That is all I know, "Sponsored
by a Comm. of Citizens of Phila,"
who I don't know nor the
purpose of the Mtg!

I want also to tell you
of a "new" (?) heresy in
wh. I am interested,
described in the Enc. Leaflet
wherein I am W—E—
I wrote the typewritten
article for our Phila
Quarterly periodical "The
Friend" but the Editors
refused to print it, perhaps
nearly as too outspoken;
too much spiritual dynamite,

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

if I think! The Quakers of
our present day speak proudly
of the "voices" of the early
Friends, but when these
voices manifest in the
modern times, they speak
them! I've been intimately
investigating the psychic
field for the last 10 years,
& find it more & more
corroborative & confirmation
of my Christian faith &
philosophy. You have con-
tributed so much to my
religious foundations that

I can't resist the urge
to tell you a little of my
experiences. I do hope this
finds you & Mrs. Spear
well & still active -
as you will surely be at
the day of your transition.
I am living here with my
brother Horace & his wife,
who I know would wish
to be remembered to you &
with me, to Mrs. Spear -
in memory of those good old
days at Northfield.

Ever affectionately yours
Geo Wood

Young, T. K.

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THOMAS KAY YOUNG
MINISTER

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

October 12, 1939.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I have just received with your compliments a copy of your latest book, "John J. Eagan - Memoir." I read probably one-third of it last night after retiring and found it, in the words of Bunyan, "both rare and profitable." Because of Mr. Eagan's providing a fund from which Seminary students have been and are now able to borrow money at small interest, I have heard of him since my Seminary days. He was then the outstanding christian layman of Atlanta and Birmingham, and since he was a Presbyterian his great name was often on the lips of ministers and students. Among many others I availed myself of that loan fund while I was at Richmond. I am sure I shall find abundant satisfaction in the remaining portion of the book. I am deeply grateful to you for the kindly thought and for the real blessing that awaits me in the survey of that great saint's life.

I read with uncommon zest and with conscious gratitude whatever you write. You have rendered a service to the younger ministers far beyond your dreams by your great messages in the pulpit and through the written page.

We are off to a good start in our winter's work. By a simple but comprehensive system of visitation our Sunday attendance is up to our normal November level. Our long summers tend to make our people tardy until the cooler weather comes.

My little family is reasonably well-adjusted to our new necessity. Helen Laing was married in August and is our new home-keeper. Not having had any previous experience, it was problematic with me whether she would take to it naturally. I am happy to say she is making a fine job of it. I miss my lovely Hattie more than words can say. They too miss their mother a great deal, though their lives are naturally taken up with their new joys and I am glad for their sakes they have found life companions of worthy and congenial character.

Please express my affectionate christian greetings to Mrs. Speer. We have learned of your prospective visit to Tunica, Mississippi and, D.v., we shall see and hear you then.

Very cordially,

T. K. Young
T. K. Young.